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Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a news conference in London. Kerry, a former prosecutor, on Sunday built a case holding Russian-supported rebels responsible for shooting down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, with Russia complicit in the deaths of nearly 300 passengers and crew members.

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US Outlines Case Against Russia On Downed Plane

MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Video of a rocket launcher, one surface-to-air missile missing, leaving the likely launch site. Imagery showing the firing. Calls claiming credit for the strike. Recordings said to reveal a cover-

up at the crash site.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, a former prosecutor, on Sunday built a case holding Russian-supported rebels in eastern Ukraine responsible for shooting down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, with Russia complicit in the deaths of nearly

300 passengers and crew members. "A buildup of extraordinary circumstantial evidence ... it's powerful here," Kerry said.

"This is the moment of truth for Russia," he said, leveling some of Washington's harshest criticism of Moscow since the crisis in

Ukraine began.

"Russia is supporting these separatists. Russia is arming these separatists. Russia is training these separatists, and Russia has not yet done the things necessary in order to try to bring them under control," he said.

In a round of television

interviews Sunday, Kerry cited a mix of intelligence and social media reports that he said "obviously points a very clear finger at the separatists" for firing the missile that brought the plane down last Thursday.

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Crash victims piled in boxcars in Ukraine

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Associated Press

TOREZ, Ukraine (AP) — Pro-Moscow rebels piled nearly 200 bodies from the downed Malaysian jetliner into four refrigerated boxcars Sunday in eastern Ukraine, and cranes at the crash scene moved big chunks of the Boeing 777, drawing condemnation from Western leaders that the rebels were tampering with the site.

Leaders of Britain, France and Germany spoke to

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He said all efforts were aimed at getting the train with the bodies to "territory controlled by Ukraine," adding that a Dutch military plane was being sent



An armed pro-Russian rebel secures the area next to a refrigerated train loaded with the bodies of victims, in Torez, eastern Ukraine, 15 kilometers (9 miles) from the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, Sunday, July 20, 2014. Armed rebels forced emergency workers to hand over all 196 bodies recovered from the Malaysia Airlines crash site and had them loaded Sunday onto refrigerated train cars bound for a rebel-held city, Ukrainian officials and monitors said.

(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

Russian President Vladimir Putin by phone late Sunday, urging him to use his influence on the separatists to ensure the victims could be repatriated and international investigators could have full access to collect evidence.

They said European foreign ministers will be meeting in Brussels Tuesday to consider further sanctions on Russia.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, in a blistering opinion piece for the Sunday Times, said "the growing weight of evidence" suggests the rebels shot down the plane, and if that is so, "this is a direct result of Russia destabilizing a sovereign state, violating its

territorial integrity, backing thuggish militias and training and arming them."

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AROUND THE WORLD

French youth push violence at protest

SARCELLES, France (AP) — French youth defying a ban on a protest against Israel's Gaza offensive have set fire to cars and garbage cans in a Paris suburb after a calm demonstration. Sunday's unrest in Sarcelles, north of Paris, was the second time in two days that pro-Palestinian demonstrations turned violent. Tension mounted as scores of Jewish youth, some armed with iron bars, encircled a synagogue to "protect" it.

The rampage came hours after France honored some 13,000 Jews rounded up 72 years ago, most kept in a stadium before being sent to Auschwitz. PM Manuel Valls denounced the "new form of anti-Semitism" on the Internet. □

China highway collision kills at least 43

BEIJING (AP) — The death toll from the southern China highway collision between a bus and a truck loaded with flammable liquid rose to 43 on Sunday. The state-run Xinhua News Agency said the truck rear-ended the bus around 3 a.m.

Saturday on the Hukun Expressway in Hunan province, with the truck's driver and passenger among the dead.

Five people were also injured. Xinhua said the flames destroyed a total of five vehicles before being extinguished five hours later. Images broadcast on Chinese state television showed both vehicles severely burned and what appeared to be passenger belongings scattered on the road. □

Greek climber dies on Mount Olympus

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Police say a 59-year-old Greek man has died in an accident while climbing Mount Olympus, Greece's highest mountain. The man was close to the 9,570-foot summit, when he slipped and dropped more than 660 feet into a ravine. Authorities said there was intermittent fog high up the mountain.

Volunteers from the non-profit group Hellenic Rescue Team are trying to reach the body and bring it down the mountain. Several paths of varying technical difficulty lead to the summit, and the man was reportedly on the easiest of the routes. Fatal accidents on Mount Olympus occur almost every year.

Pope shows concern for Iraq Christians

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has expressed concern for Christians forced to flee Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, where Christians have resided for centuries.

The pontiff in his traditional Angelus blessing on Sunday offered prayers for Iraqi Christians who "are persecuted, chased away, forced to leave their houses without out the possibility of taking anything" with them.

Christians departed Mosul this week for the largely autonomous Kurdish region after they were issued an ultimatum to convert to Islam, pay a tax or face death. It's the latest exodus of Christians from the city where communities date from the first centuries of Christianity. □



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"It's pretty clear that this is a system that was transferred from Russia into the hands of separatists," he said.

Video of an SA-11 launcher, with one of its missiles missing and leaving the likely launch site, has been authenticated, he said.

An Associated Press journalist saw a missile launcher in rebel-held territory close to the crash site just hours before the plane was brought down Thursday.

"There's a buildup of extraordinary circumstantial evidence," Kerry said. "We picked up the imagery of this launch.

We know the trajectory. We know where it came from. We know the timing, and it was exactly at the time that this aircraft disappeared from the radar.

We also know from voice identification that the separatists were bragging about shooting it down afterward."

In one set of calls, said by Ukrainian security services to have been recorded shortly after the plane was hit, a prominent rebel commander, Igor Bezler, tells a Russian military intelligence officer that rebel forces shot down a plane.

Shortly before Kerry's television appearances, the U.S. Embassy in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, released a statement saying experts had authenticated the calls.

"Audio data provided to the press by the Ukrainian security service was evalu-

ated by intelligence community analysts who confirmed these were authentic conversations between known separatist leaders, based on comparing the Ukraine-released internet audio to recordings of known separatists," the statement said.

A new set of recordings apparently made Friday also appears to implicate rebels in an attempted cover-up at the crash site. In one exchange, a man identified as the leader of the rebel Vostok Battalion Alexander Khodakovsky states that two recording devices are being held by the head of intelligence of the insurgency's military commander.

The commander is then heard to order the militia-man to ensure no outsiders, including an international observation team near the crash site at the reported time of the call, get hold of any material.

The man identified as Khodakovsky says he is pursuing inquiries about the black boxes under instructions from "our high-placed friends ... in Moscow."

In another conversation with a rebel representative at the crash site who reports finding an orange box marked as a satellite navigation box, Khodakovsky is purported to order that the object be hidden.

U.S. aviation safety experts say they are especially concerned the site will be "spoiled" if it cannot be quickly secured by investigators. □



Secretary of State John Kerry greets media representatives boarding his plane at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Kerry, a former prosecutor, on Sunday built a case holding Russian-supported rebels responsible for shooting down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.

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US communities diverge on child migrant response

EMILY SCHMALL
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — As thousands of unaccompanied immigrant children have poured into South Texas, community leaders from Dallas to Los Angeles to Syracuse, New York, have offered to set up temporary shelters to relieve the Army bases, holding cells and converted warehouses at the border.

The outreach offers stand in sharp contrast to other places around the U.S., where some protested having immigrants from Central America come to their towns while the nation's leaders attempt to find solutions to the issue.

In Dallas County, Judge Clay Jenkins has offered three county buildings that could hold as many as

2,000 migrants at one time. "These are just like your and my children, except that they're scared and they're dirty and they're tired and they're terrified," Jenkins said. "We can take some pressure off those border

troops and let them get out of the childcare business and back into the border security business." More than 57,000 unaccompanied children have been apprehended since October, the Border Patrol

says. Three-fourths of them are from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, and say they are fleeing pervasive gang violence and crushing poverty. By the time they have reached South Texas, they have survived a treacherous journey through drug-war-torn Mexico.

President Barack Obama has asked Congress to authorize \$3.7 billion in emergency spending to increase enforcement at the border, build more facilities to temporarily house the unaccompanied minors, and beef up legal aid. White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest has said the government will entitle due process but will not guarantee a "welcome to this country with open arms."

In the meantime, from California to Massachusetts, communities are offering to build or rehab facilities to take in child migrants until they connect with relatives, plea asylum cases or enter into foster care. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for ensuring one of those three outcomes before it deports any minor.

Demonstrators in Murrieta, California, made national headlines for their strong opposition to the child migrants. But while protesters frustrated efforts to process immigrant families there, other California communities have been encouraging agencies to build shelters and start programs to assist unaccompanied children caught crossing the border.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has been working with federal officials and local nonprofits to try to provide shelter and legal representation for the children, noting that many are likely planning to reunite

with their parents. In San Francisco, county officials are also looking at ways to help provide medical, mental health, educational and legal services once the children are released from federal custody.

Thousands of miles (kilometers) from where the children are entering the country, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick said Friday that HHS officials will review Camp Edwards military base on Cape Cod and Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee to see if either is suitable for holding as many as 1,000 children.

And Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner wrote in a letter to Obama that her city would "welcome the opportunity to provide shelter" as part of a loose network of U.S. cities that have traditionally taken in and resettled refugees.

"We're not telling the political leaders how they long-term resolve the crisis," said Rich Eychaner, the founder and director of an eponymous nonprofit aiming to find foster homes in Iowa for 1,000 migrant children. "We're simply saying there are a lot of resources, there are a lot of big hearts, there are a lot of big homes in Iowa, and we have space, and we have the capacity to do this."

In other communities, however, leaders are showing their opposition by passing ordinances and sponsoring legislation.

In Michigan, Maryland and Murrieta, California, protesters have used demonstrations and graffiti to make their point.

South of Houston, the town of League City passed a resolution refusing any request — should one ever come from the federal government — to set up detention or processing centers there, citing "health concerns." □



A protester waves a Texas flag and anti-immigration signs during a protest against people who immigrate illegally in Conroe, Texas.

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New York:

Officer in fatal arrest stripped of gun, badge



Esaw Garner, center, wife of Eric Garner, breaks down in the arms of Rev. Herbert Daughtry and Rev. Al Sharpton, right, during a rally at the National Action Network headquarters for Eric Garner in New York.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

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NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City police officer involved in the arrest of a man who died in custody after being placed in an apparent chokehold has been stripped of his gun and badge and placed on desk duty, police said Saturday. Officer Daniel Pantaleo, an eight-year NYPD veteran, and an officer who has been with the force for four years were both taken off the street after the death Thursday of 43-year-old Eric Garner on Staten Island, a borough south of Manhattan, police said. The department would not identify the second officer but said he would retain his gun and badge while on desk duty. The reassignment is effective immediately and will remain in effect while Gar-

ner's death is being investigated, police said. The president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the city's largest police union, called Pantaleo's reassignment "completely unwarranted." The decision, Patrick Lynch said in a statement, "effectively pre-judges" the case and denies Pantaleo the "very benefit of a doubt that has long been part of the social contract that allows police officers to face the risks of this difficult and complex job." The department disclosed Pantaleo's reassignment hours after Garner's wife, Esaw, burst into tears at a rally in Manhattan's Harlem neighborhood, where civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton said his death could strain the black community's relationship with the police department. "This is going to be a real

test to see where policies are in the city now and whether the change that we feel occurred has occurred," Sharpton said, referring to promises made by Mayor Bill de Blasio and Bratton to improve the relationship between officers and the city's minority communities. The NYPD has faced criticism and legal challenges over its use of the stop and frisk tactic, which allows officers to stop anyone they suspect is about to commit a crime or has committed a crime. There has also been an outcry over the NYPD's extensive surveillance of Muslims disclosed in stories by The Associated Press. Former Mayor Michael

Bloomberg vehemently defended both the surveillance and stop and frisk as legal and vital public safety tools. According to federal court records, three men have sued Pantaleo within the last two years over what they argued were unlawful, racially motivated arrests on Staten Island. In the first lawsuit, settled by the city in January, two black men in their 40s accused Pantaleo and other officers of arresting them without cause and subjecting them to a "humiliating and unlawful strip search" on a street that involved ordering them to "pull their pants and underwear down, squat and cough." □

Bus bringing showers to San Francisco homeless

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Homeless people in San Francisco can now hop a bus to take a shower. A nonprofit group has retrofitted a public transit bus with two full private bathrooms and is offering hot showers, clean toilets, shampoo, soap and towels free of charge. The group, Lava Mae, says the bus is mobile, allowing it to reach homeless peo-

ple scattered throughout the city. It also removes the potential for rent hikes and evictions. Lava Mae Founder Doniece Sandoval says a shower is vital to help the homeless improve their circumstances. The bus cost about \$75,000 to retrofit and was paid for through private donations, including from technology giant Google. Lava Mae hopes to add additional buses to the city in the coming years. □

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RJ Reynolds to fight \$23.6B in damages

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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — The No. 2 U.S. cigarette maker is vowing to fight a jury verdict of \$23.6 billion in punitive damages in a lawsuit filed by the widow of a longtime smoker who died of lung cancer.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. executive J. Jeffery Raborn has called the damages awarded by a jury in Pensacola, Florida "grossly excessive and impermissible under state and constitutional law."

"This verdict goes far beyond the realm of reasonableness and fairness, and is completely inconsistent with the evidence presented," Raborn, a company vice president and assistant general counsel, said in a statement. "We plan to file post-trial motions with the trial court promptly, and are confident that the court will follow the law and not allow this runaway verdict to stand."

One of the widow's attorneys said the verdict Friday night sends a powerful message to tobacco companies.

"The jury wanted to send a statement that tobacco cannot continue to lie to the American people and the American government about the addictiveness of and the deadly chemicals in their cigarettes," said Christopher Chestnut, one of the attorneys representing Cynthia Robinson.

The case is one of thousands filed in Florida after the state Supreme Court in 2006 threw out a \$145 billion class action verdict. That ruling also said smokers and their families need only prove addiction and that smoking caused their illnesses or deaths.

Last year, Florida's highest court re-approved that decision, which made it

easier for sick smokers or their survivors to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies without having to prove to the court again that Big Tobacco knowingly sold dangerous products and hid the hazards of

that Winston-Salem, North Carolina-based Reynolds American Inc., which owns R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, announced it was purchasing Lorillard Tobacco Co., the country's No. 3 cigarette maker,



A smokestack of an old R.J. Reynolds Tobacco plant frames the Reynolds American building in Winston-Salem, N.C. A Florida jury has slammed R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. with \$23.6 billion in punitive damages in a lawsuit filed by Cynthia Robinson, the widow of a longtime smoker who died of lung cancer in 1996. The damages the jury awarded to Robinson on Friday, July 18, 2014, after a four-week trial come in addition to \$16.8 million in compensatory damages.

(AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

cigarette smoking.

The damages awarded to Robinson after a four-week trial came in addition to \$16.8 million in compensatory damages awarded Thursday.

Robinson individually sued Reynolds in 2008 on behalf of her late husband, Michael Johnson Sr., who died in 1996. Her attorneys said the punitive damages are the largest of any individual case stemming from the original class action lawsuit. The verdict came the same week

in a \$25 billion deal. That would create a tobacco company second only in the U.S. to Marlboro maker Altria Group Inc., which owns Philip Morris USA Inc. and is based in Richmond, Virginia. The deal is expected to close in the first half of 2015 and likely will face regulatory scrutiny.

Anti-smoking advocates hailed the verdict as a reminder of what they called the tobacco industry's history of marketing to children and hiding the truth about their products. □

Detroit getting upgrades ahead of bankruptcy trial

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Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit neighborhoods are being re-lit, its vacant homes are being sold off or torn down, its public transportation is cleaner and more often on schedule and the city has renegotiated some burdensome union contracts.

In the little more than a year since state-appointed emergency manager Kevyn Orr made Detroit the largest U.S. city to seek bankruptcy protection, it has experienced a wide range of improvements that will factor into Judge Steven Rhodes' decisions during next month's bankruptcy trial. A major piece of the bankruptcy puzzle could fall into place Monday, with the expected release of the results of a vote by creditors, including more than 30,000 retired and current city workers, on whether to accept millions of dollars in cuts.

When Orr filed for bankruptcy, Detroit's debt then was estimated at \$18 billion, and its revenue streams were too small to keep up with basic city services.

Since then, the city has installed at least 10,000 new streetlights. It's also going after absentee landlords — threatening to take and sell or demolish vacant houses that violate city codes. Eight houses awarded to the city's Land Bank are being put up for auction. Belle Isle, the city's most popular public park, has been put under state control and received a much-needed cleaning.

"Things are being done now that weren't being done," said Detroit barber DeAngelo Smith. "I wouldn't say it would have been as fast if the bankruptcy hadn't been filed." Some of the most dramatic changes were designed to save the city money and didn't need to wait for the August bankruptcy confirmation trial.

Orr has frozen some benefits for participants in the city's two pension systems and changed the pension plans to reduce future costs for the city. Additionally, the city no longer provides health insurance to retirees. Deals were reached with unions and retirees on a hybrid pension plan in which current, non-uniformed workers will contribute 4 percent of their salary toward benefits. Current police and firefighters will contribute 6 percent. New police and fire hires will chip in 8 percent of their base salary.

A coalition of 33 municipal unions, representing about 5,500 workers, also has banged out a 5-year contract after nine months of negotiations with the city. It calls for wage increases of 5 percent this year and 2.5 percent hikes later. "We're going to show what we've done to date, but also show more of what we need to do," Orr spokesman Bill Nowling said, referring to the bankruptcy trial before Rhodes. The bankruptcy and fear of what could happen during the trial has steered many of the decisions, according to bankruptcy expert Doug Bernstein. "Some people will ask, 'what are my options? If I don't get it resolved, then my option is I get to fight everything and maybe I win and maybe I don't,'" Bernstein said. □



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US Financial Front:

Atlantic City doomed by glut of casinos in region

WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP) — The rapid disintegration of Atlantic City's casino market might be an early indicator of what could happen in other parts of the U.S. that have too many casinos and not enough gamblers.

In the 36th year of casino gambling in New Jersey, which not too long ago had a monopoly on the East Coast, the casino industry is crashing with a suddenness and a fury that has caught many people here by surprise. Atlantic City started the year with 12 casinos; by mid-September, it could have eight.

The Atlantic Club shut down in January, taken down by two rivals, stripped for parts and closed in the name of reducing competition, eliminating 1,600 jobs.

In recent weeks, the owners of the Showboat and Trump Plaza announced plans to close, and Revel, which opened two years ago, said it, too, will close if a buyer can't be found in a bankruptcy court auction next month. That would put nearly 8,000 workers — about a quarter of the city's casino workforce — on the street.

"Most of us had expected one or two places to close this year and that would be it for a while, and it would give us a chance to catch our breath," said state Sen. James Whelan, a former Atlantic City mayor. "This is happening very quickly, and it is absolutely devastating to our region."

David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, said casino markets around the

country could find themselves in a similar situation — and soon.

Connecticut's tribal casinos have been affected by New York casinos and face an even greater challenge from new casinos going online soon in New York and Massachusetts. Mississippi, where Caesars Entertainment recently shuttered a casino in Tunica, has struggled with competition from expanded gambling in the Midwest and Florida.

Even Pennsylvania, which overtook Atlantic City as the nation's No. 2 casino market after Las Vegas, is seeing its own casino revenue stagnate as competition grows.

"For the past 36 years, Atlantic City was basically a place people drove to play slots," Schwartz said. "Now, the last thing people in the Northeast need is to drive somewhere far away to play slots."

How did this happen?

The most immediate and powerful reason Atlantic City's casinos are struggling is because of a glut of casinos in nearby states. Since late 2006, when the first casino opened in neighboring Pennsylvania, Atlantic City's casino revenue has fallen from \$5.2 billion to \$2.86 billion last year. Casinos have now popped up all around New Jersey; in New York, a Manhattan casino could open before the end of the decade.

The casinos failed for years to plan for the day when they wouldn't be the only game in town. For decades, they were content to offer gambling — and little else. It wasn't until the Borgata entered the market in 2003 that Atlantic City realized the need to



The Showboat Casino Hotel in Atlantic City N.J. is seen hours after its parent company, Caesars Entertainment, announced it would shut down the Showboat on Aug. 31. It will be the second Atlantic City to close this year, along with The Atlantic Club, and a third may shut down as well if Revel Casino Hotel can't find a buyer in bankruptcy court. Atlantic City started the year with 12 casinos. By Labor Day, it could be down to nine.

(AP Photo/Wayne Parry, File)

diversify the experience their customers could receive. That drive to offer spas, gourmet restaurants, upscale shopping and hip nightclubs — now underway with a fierce urgency — comes at a time when most people in the region live within an hour of a casino, lessening the need to drive to Atlantic City.

Companies took on mountains of debt to buy or expand casinos in Atlantic City. That wasn't so much of a problem when revenues kept increasing, but when competition and the Great Recession hit with a one-two punch, the debt became crippling. That led to layoffs, delayed new investments and some maintenance. □






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Marijuana edibles burgeoning into US industry

LISA RATHKE

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vermont (AP)

— Marijuana edibles and infused products such as snack bars, olive oils and tinctures have flourished into a gourmet market of chocolate truffles, whoopie pies and hard candies as Colorado and Washington state legalized the recreational use of pot in the past year.

The proliferation of marijuana edibles for both medical and recreational purposes is giving rise to a cottage industry of baked goods, candies, infused oils, cookbooks and classes that promises a slow burn as more states legalize the practice and awareness spreads about the best ways to deliver the drug.

"You're seeing a lot of these types of products like cannabis cookbooks," said Erik Altieri, spokesman for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "They've always been popular among a subset of marijuana, but with the fact that more and more people from the mainstream are able to consume, there's a lot more interest."

Many pot users turn to edibles because they don't like to inhale or smell the smoke or just want variety. For many people who are sick or in pain, controlled doses of edibles or tinctures can deliver a longer-lasting therapeutic dose that doesn't give them the high. And there's money to be made.



Students taste a cannabis-infused dipping sauce prepared during a cooking class at the New England Grass Roots Institute in Quincy, Mass. The proliferation of marijuana edibles for medical and recreational use is giving rise to a cottage industry of foods, infused olive oils, cookbooks and classes as more states legalize marijuana use.

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BlueKudu, in Denver, started producing marijuana chocolate bars for medicinal purposes three years ago. Since recreational use became legal this year in Colorado, owner Andrew Schrot said, the wholesale business has more than doubled its sales from several hundred chocolate bars sold a day through dispensaries to more than 1,000, at \$9 to \$17 a piece. "There seems to be quite a bit of intrigue about the infused products from the general public and consumer, especially tourists," Schrot said.

Cooking classes have sprung up. One in Denver — led by a chef who has turned out chocolate-covered bacon and Swedish meatballs with a marijuana-infused glaze — has grown so popular that it will be offered every week in August. It's also part of a vacation package that provides pot tourists with a stay at a cannabis-friendly hotel (vaporizer and pri-

vate smoke deck included), a visit to dispensaries and growing operations, and the cooking class. Students are advised not to smoke before they come to class because there's a lot to learn about the dosing and they will be sampling foods along the way. "By the end of the class, everybody's pretty stoned," said founder J.J. Walker. Mountain High Suckers in Denver sells lollipops and lozenges for medical marijuana users and plans to release treats for recreational users at the end of August. The company hopes they will take off.

"People are turning the corner and making lots of money in the rec department, and we expect to almost double the business in a year," said Chad Tribble, co-owner of Mountain High Suckers in Denver. It's not just a hobby or business; there's a science involved.

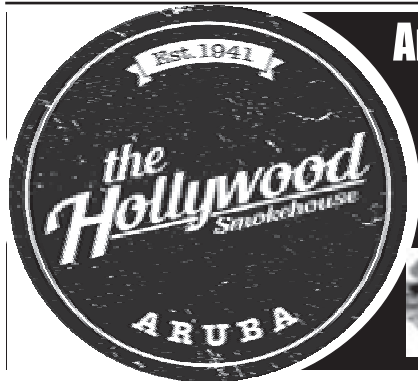
THC, marijuana's psychoactive chemical, must be

smoked or heated — as in cooked — to be activated. When ingested rather than inhaled, it provides a longer-lasting and often more intense feeling.

Users of pot edibles, such as cookies, are often advised to eat only a portion so they don't get too high. Education about proper dosing has become a priority after at least one death and a handful of hospital visits were linked to consuming too much of an edible.

The concept isn't new. High Times, a 40-year-old monthly magazine based in New York, has always featured a cooking column with a recipe.

At least 40,000 people attended its Cannabis Cup in Denver in April, a sort of trade show that includes judging of marijuana edibles, said editor-in-chief Chris Simunek. The magazine said its "Official High Times Cannabis Cookbook" is the top-selling title of the five it offers. □



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Israelis, Palestinians report deadliest day in Gaza

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TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— The first major ground battle in two weeks of Israel-Hamas fighting exacted a steep price Sunday: It killed 65 Palestinians and 13 Israeli soldiers and forced thousands of terrified Palestinian civilians to flee their neighborhood, reportedly used to launch rockets at Israel and now devastated by the fighting. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the offensive would continue "as long as necessary" to end attacks from Gaza on Israeli civilians.

But Hamas seems defiant, international cease-fire efforts are stalled, and international criticism is becoming more vocal as the death toll among Palestinian civilians rises.

U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon called Israel's latest incursion "atrocious," and said it must do far more to protect civilians.

In Israel, public opinion will struggle to tolerate rising military losses in an open-ended campaign. Already, Sunday's deaths marked the highest number of soldiers killed on a single day since Israel's war in Lebanon in 2006.

The ferocious battle in Gaza City's Shijaiyah neighborhood came on the third day of Israel's ground offensive, which had been preceded by a 10-day air campaign.

In all, at least 432 Palestinians were killed and more than 3,000 wounded in the past two weeks. The overall death toll on the Israeli side rose to 20, including 18 soldiers, along with dozens of wounded troops, during that period. On Sunday evening, Hamas spokesman Mushir al-Masri in Gaza claimed his group

had captured an Israeli soldier. An announcement on Gaza TV of the soldier's capture set off celebration in the streets of Gaza City. But the claim could not immediately be verified and the Israeli military said it was investigating the report. Hamas has made similar claims of capturing Israelis in the past that were not true. For Israelis, a captured soldier would be a nightmare scenario. Hamas-allied militants seized an Israeli soldier in a cross-border raid in 2006 and held him captive in Gaza until Israel traded more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners, some of whom were involved in grisly killings, for his return in 2011. Sunday's battle began when Israeli troops backed by tanks entered the densely populated Shijaiyah district just after midnight Sunday. They were met by a "huge" level of resistance by Hamas fighters who fired anti-tank missiles, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons from houses and buildings, said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an army spokesman.

Residents said they came under intense Israeli tank fire.

"The gate of hell has

from explosions.

After daybreak, the extent of the devastation slowly became apparent: At

Gaza's central Shifa Hospital. Wailing parents, some covered with blood or dust from debris, carried chil-



Palestinians help a wounded man in front of the Al Mughrabi family building following an Israeli air strike that hit their home in Rafah, Sunday, July 20, 2014. One woman and her 2-year-old grandson were killed when an Israeli airstrike struck the home of the Mughrabi family northeast of Rafah, according to the Red Crescent.
(AP Photo/Hatem Ali)

opened, and shrapnel came through the windows," Shijaiyah resident Jawad Hassanain said by phone. He and his family fled to a nearby building after their house shook

least 65 Palestinians had been killed and nearly 300 wounded, Gaza health officials said, while dozens of homes badly damaged or destroyed.

Casualties were rushed to

dren peppered by shrapnel, and the emergency room quickly overflowed, forcing doctors to treat some patients in a hallway.

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Germany honors officers who tried to kill Hitler

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany on Sunday honored a group of Nazi-era officers who tried to kill Adolf Hitler 70 years ago. The plot — portrayed in films such as the 2008 Hollywood movie "Valkyrie" — helped establish a principle under which German soldiers today are encouraged to defy orders if they would result in a crime or violate human dignity.

In a somber ceremony, President Joachim Gauck called the July 20, 1944, bombing of Hitler's Wolf's Lair headquarters in Eastern Prussia a "significant day in German history" for showing the world that there were Germans who opposed the Nazi regime. "It was from this legacy that the newly founded Federal Republic, once it belatedly recognized the significance of the military resistance, was able to draw legitimacy," Gauck said.

Hitler survived the bombing and was able to continue his military campaign to conquer Europe and eradicate the continent's Jew-

ish population for another year.

Four officers including Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg were ex-

resistance against the Nazis, historians have sought in recent years to highlight other, lesser-known men and women who opposed

at Germany's Military History Museum in Dresden, which recently opened a new exhibition about the July 20 plot. Earlier this



German President Joachim Gauck, right, attends a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the attempted assassination of Adolf Hitler at the courtyard of the Bendler Block, a part of the German Defense Ministry, in Berlin, Sunday, July 20, 2014.

(AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

ecuted without trial within hours of the failed assassination. Some 200 supporters were killed later or driven to suicide. While the July 20 conspirators were among the most prominent examples of German

the regime.

"Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg has become a symbol of the resistance. The broader public hardly knows the names of the many others," said Linda von Keyserlingk, a historian

month Germany's Foreign Ministry honored Ilse Stoebe, who worked at the ministry during the war and tried to warn the Soviet Union of Hitler's plans to attack it. She was executed in 1942.□

Peru:

Law weakens environmental safeguards

FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Dozens of international groups, the United Nations, and even Peru's own citizen ombudsman are objecting to a new law that weakens environmental protections in the Andean nation even as it prepares to host international climate talks this year. The law, aimed at increasing investment, strips Peru's six-year-old environment ministry of jurisdiction over air, soil and water quality standards, as well as its ability to set limits for harmful substances. It also eliminates the ministry's power to establish nature reserves exempt from mining and oil-drilling. The nation pocked by more than 300 major mines already offers the industry incentives unmatched in the Americas, even by mining-friendly Chile and Mexico. Enacted July 11 by President Ollanta Humala after limited debate in Congress, the new law also further streamlines environmental reviews for new projects, and, for the next three years, lowers by half the maximum fines for all but the most serious of environmental violations.

At the same time, it re-establishes tax breaks for big mining multinationals, which already enjoy such benefits as simultaneous, indefinite concessions for both exploration and exploitation as long as they make nominal payments. In some Peruvian states, more than half the territory is under concession.

"As far as Latin America goes, we are the country backpedaling the most," said Jose de Echave, a former deputy environment minister.□

Iraqi PM condemns jihadis' targeting of Christians

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister on Sunday condemned the Islamic State extremist group's actions targeting Christians in territory it controls, saying they reveal the threat the jihadists pose to the minority community's "centuries-old heritage." The comments from Nouri al-Maliki come a day after the expiration of a deadline imposed by the Islamic State group calling on Christians in the militant-held city of Mosul to convert to Islam,

pay a tax or face death. Most Christians opted to flee to the nearby self-rule Kurdish region or other areas protected by Kurdish security forces.

"What is being done by the Daesh terrorist gang against our Christian citizens in Ninevah province, and their aggression against the churches and houses of worship in the areas under their control reveals beyond any doubt the extremist criminal and terrorist nature of this group," al-Maliki said in a statement released by his office, using the Arabic

acronym for the Islamic State group. "Those people, through their crimes, are revealing their true identity and the false allegations made here and there about the existence of revolutionaries among their ranks." At the Vatican, Pope Francis expressed his concern Sunday for Mosul's Christians, offering prayers for Iraqi Christians who "are persecuted, chased away, forced to leave their houses without the possibility of taking anything" with them. Residents in Mosul also say the Islamic State group's fight-

ers recently have begun to occupy churches and seize the homes of Christians who have fled the city. These actions stem from the harsh interpretation of Islamic law the group seeks to impose on the territory it controls in Iraq and neighboring Syria. Already in Mosul, the extremist group has banned alcohol and water pipes, and painted over street advertisements showing women's faces. It has, however, held off on stricter punishments so far. Iraq's Christian communities date back to the first centuries of the religion.□



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Kony's rebels change tactics to evade hunt

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Associated Press

OBO, Central African Republic (AP)—Knives, ropes, tarpaulins, AK-47s, and gun lubricant. These are some of the items handed over to the Ugandan army by three fighters who defected last month from Joseph Kony's rebels, the Lord's Resistance Army, in Central African Republic.

In the bush, where the men had lived for years, these prized possessions were essential for survival and now provide insight into how members of the brutal group are able to evade U.S.-backed African troops chasing them.

Kony and his rebels have terrorized Uganda and other parts of Central Africa for years, carrying out brutal killings and kidnappings. Kony has been indicted by the International Criminal Court, but it was not until 2012 that he shot to international notoriety after the advocacy group Invisible Children highlighted his crimes in a video that was seen by millions online.

Ugandan military commanders, who head an African Union-mandated mission to catch or kill Kony, say the challenge is locating the enemy in sparsely populated, lawless territory where threats range from wild animals to other dangerous militias.

"The biggest problem is not how to fight but finding the rebels," said Ugandan Col. Michael Kabango, the top commander of Ugandan troops in Central African Republic.

Often the rebels remain a step ahead of their pursuers because they never spend many nights in one place. They are also inventive. To cross crocodile-infested rivers, for instance, the rebels make rafts out of rope and



A Ugandan Army officer, forth from left, and US army officer, second right, stand with Lords Resistance Army defectors, Sam Opio, third left, Richard Okello, center.

(AP Photo/Rodney Muhumuza)

plastic scrap.

Lord's Resistance Army fighters have proven themselves highly mobile over the years, exploiting ungoverned spaces in a volatile region to stage abductions and regroup. The insurgency started in Uganda in the 1980s and after the Ugandan military stepped up pressure in 2006 the rebels moved first to South Sudanese territory and then shifted westward to Congo and Central African Republic. Some Ugandan military commanders fear LRA fighters may have fled as far away as Chad,

a daunting scenario that underscores the difficulty of keeping up with a rebel group that is highly adaptable to life in the jungle.

"They (LRA) have changed tactics. They are no longer abducting. It's more about survival," said Ugandan Lt. Col. John Kagwisa, intelligence officer for military operations against the Lord's Resistance Army. The group once was known to mount ambushes against Ugandan troops, offering soldiers opportunities to chase the rebels. Now the rebels only carry out small-scale raids and

flee from encounters with their pursuers. Fewer than 500 LRA rebels are still active in parts of Central Af-

rica, where they operate in jungles that cover the size of France, according to the African troops.

Rebel leader Kony has not been seen in years and whenever his pursuers get close he is believed to flee to a safe haven in Kafia Kingi, a disputed enclave controlled by Sudan.

Although their numbers are said to be in rapid decline, small groups of rebels still attack civilians in parts of Congo and Central African Republic, and they are also said to be building ties with other militia groups in the region, exposing the Ugandans to risky clashes.

In the southeastern region of Central African Republic the mission is promoting a campaign of defections. Some villages have formed defection committees, to encourage rebels to lay down their arms and approach local chiefs peacefully and then be transferred to the custody of Ugandan troops. □

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Distraught Dutch mother: 'Send my children home'

MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A distraught, grieving mother summed up a swelling mood of despair and anguish in the Netherlands on Sunday at faltering efforts to repatriate the bodies of loved ones killed in the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, appealing directly to Russian President Vladimir Putin to return the bodies of her son and his girlfriend.

Silene Fredriksz-Hoogzand, whose son Bryce and his girlfriend, Daisy Oehlers, were killed when the plane was shot down Thursday over Ukraine, said she was appalled their bodies and those of other victims had been left lying for days.

"I am not a politician," she told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "But I know for sure that Mr. Putin can do something."

Earlier, at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, she made a simple, but heart-rending appeal to the Russian president: "Mr. Putin, send my children home," she told Sky TV. "Send them home. Please."

International monitors say armed rebels have limited their access to the crash site and Ukrainian officials said armed rebels took 192 bodies away from their workers by force Sunday.

Fredriksz-Hoogzand's son and his girlfriend were among the 193 Dutch victims of the crash, making this nation of 17 million the hardest hit by the tragedy. The Boeing 777 was flying from Amsterdam to the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur when it was shot

down, killing all 298 passengers and crew.

Grief is turning to anger for the Dutch as pro-Russian rebels hamper efforts to recover the dead and investigate the cause of the disaster.

"No words can describe it," Fredriksz-Hoogzand told

She said she sent Bryce and Daisy on vacation to Bali to get over the grief of Daisy's mother dying two and a half months ago.

"It's a tragedy on top of a tragedy," she said.

Asked Sunday night what delay was acceptable in returning bodies to their

Across the nation, worshippers at church services prayed for the victims of the disaster and their next of kin.

At the St. Vitus church in the central city of Hilversum, Father Julius Dresme described the nation's pain.

"It's terrible, and everybody's hearts are bleeding and crying," he said. "And it makes (people) restless and people feel sorrow, and feel a little anger but mostly sadness, confusion." In Rome, Pope Francis led thousands of tourists and pilgrims assembled in St. Peter's Square in prayer for peace in Ukraine and the Mideast.

"I invite you to remember and to keep praying for tensions and conflicts which are going on in different parts of the world, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine," he said.

Others mourned privately. At the Amsterdam student rowing club Skoll, a single member sat weeping Sunday as she wrote in a condolence book for two members of the club who died, Karlijn Keijzer and her boyfriend, Laurens van der Graaff.

Amid the grieving, Rutte is pushing for Putin to use his influence over the rebels in eastern Ukraine to ensure a full investigation into the tragedy.

He said Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans was on his way to New York to speak to the United Nations and Security Council members "to further expand the international coalition pushing for quick recovery

of the bodies and getting to the bottom of the terrible events on MH17."

A day earlier, Rutte angrily condemned the rebels for interfering with the wreckage and bodies in Ukraine. "This is totally disgusting. It is also serious because it undermines the investigation," he said.

Rutte called Putin on Saturday and had what he described as "an extremely intense telephone conversation."

"I told him the time is running out to quickly show the world that he intends to help," Rutte said. "He must take the responsibility now with the rebels and show the Netherlands and the world that he is doing what is expected of him."

Rutte said he planned to speak to Putin again Sunday night.

Best-selling Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf went further in a front-page appeal for decisive action to protect the crash site. Under the Dutch headline, "Enough is enough," the paper called for NATO troops to be deployed in Ukraine to secure the wreckage and bodies in eastern Ukraine.

"At the same time, special forces must be deployed to track down the perpetrators of this mass murder and bring them to the Netherlands to face justice."

Also Sunday, the chief executive officer of Malaysia Airlines, Ahmad Jauhari Yahya, arrived in the Netherlands and signed a condolence book at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for victims of the crash. □



This undated photo provided by Silene Fredriksz-Hoogzand on Sunday, July 20, 2014, shows Bryce Fredriksz, right, and his girlfriend Daisy Oehlers. Fredriksz-Hoogzand, whose son Bryce and his girlfriend Daisy Oehlers were killed when a Malaysian jetliner was shot down over Ukraine on Thursday, said she was appalled their bodies and those of other victims had been left lying for days.

(AP Photo/Silene Fredriksz-Hoogzand)

AP. "Bodies are just lying there for three days in the hot sun. There are people who have this on their conscience. There are families who can never hold the body of a child or a mother."

families, Prime Minister Mark Rutte replied: "Zero. Nothing is acceptable. All this should be done two days ago. But we are working as hard as possible to ensure a quick repatriation."



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In the packed Cas Di Cultura auditorium audiences were treated to a series of intelligent and surprisingly fresh films, deep and thought-provoking musical performances, hilarious theatrical pieces, all interspersed with exuber-



ant and uninhibited dance segments as well as a live exchange with Ayra and Ira Kip, about their shared journey, as twins, from infancy to adulthood, and their individual yet well-connected career paths. Congratulation to the crew of international and local teachers who skillfully developed Aruba's talented youth, and inspired them to rise to an impressive level of originality and professionalism.

On behalf of the Pancake Gallery Foundation, thanks to all generous sponsors who made the two fantastic weeks possible, planting and sprouting artistic seeds in the hearts of all those who participated. The twin sisters also thanked their parents, for their unwavering encouragements over the years.

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Press Release:

Chamber's Position on the Conflict Between Aruba and The Netherlands

ORANJESTAD - The Aruba Chamber of Commerce & Industry wishes to make a public statement on its point of view regarding the events arising in the last few weeks in the conflict between the Aruba government and the Kingdom government. The Chamber will not give an opinion on the legal aspects of the matter, but wishes to focus on some other aspects that it considers pertaining more to its terrain, and that need to be addressed.

Firstly, it is important to take a very strong position against the way it was allowed to citizens to express their aggression against both the person and the institution that the Governor is, while as a representative of the King he represents one of the most important entities of our country, and must be able to count on the absolute respect of one and all. Many of our citizens perhaps do not understand that it is not the person who is the Governor, who is acting according to his personal opinion, but that he is acting according to the requirements of his office. In this, a great responsibility rests on the government of Aruba itself, who is the first responsible to guarantee the Governor's safety, and should have taken action against any person who would insult, or worse, threaten the Governor, be it verbally, or physically. Regretfully, we have not been able to see any action from government's side to prevent acts, which were moving in the direction of the punitive act of sedition, against the highest authority of our country. It is also necessary to address the financial-economic situation of Aruba. The critical situation of public finance at this moment is not something that surfaced overnight, and did not start with the Governor not signing the budget law, but has been headed toward us as severe weather during several years. The Chamber has constantly expressed - during the last few years - its preoccupation and disagreement with the direction that public finance had taken. Specifically, the excessive payroll expenses were pointed out, which are of such magnitude that they render it impossible to conduct a wholesome financial policy. This contributed in causing a high level of public debt that has created a huge problem for us, and for the coming generations.

For some time already, it has become also visible that the government's financial problems have begun to affect the private sector even more. The incapability of government to pay its bills timely has always

been a problem for the private sector, where those not receiving payment from government cannot pay, on their turn, their suppliers of goods and services. The situation during the last few weeks, where there is no budget, and hence no international loans, may make a serious situation even worse. The fact must be taken into account that government in its totality is the principal actor in our economy, having great influence on money circulation in most sectors.

Now, the moment has come to admit that we have an abyss in front of us, and that we need to start repairing what did not go well, according to norms of good governance. The Chamber wishes to urge the government of Aruba to take its responsibility, in order to do all that is possible to remedy the current situation, providing a realistic budget, working in a transparent manner, and being accountable for the policies implemented. Without any doubt, the process of repair will not take place

without sacrifice, but it would be better to stop this process of deterioration now, instead of regretting later on that no action was taken.

Aruba, July 18, 2014
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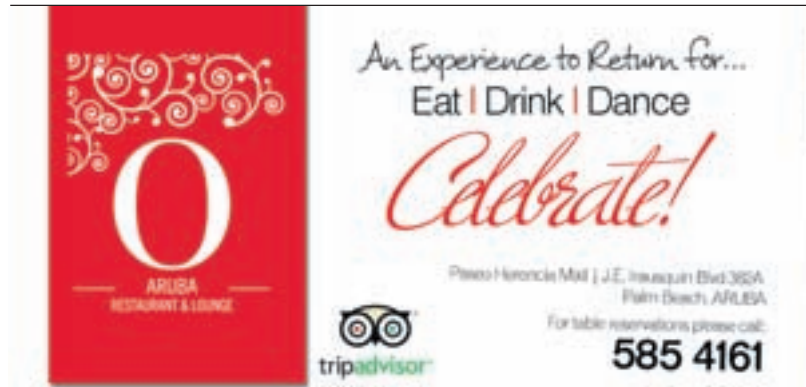
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Lydia Ko, of New Zealand, reads a putt on the 17th hole during the final round of the Marathon Classic LPGA golf tournament at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio, Sunday, July 20, 2014.

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Lydia Ko wins Marathon Classic with closing birdie

RUSTY MILLER
AP Sports Writer

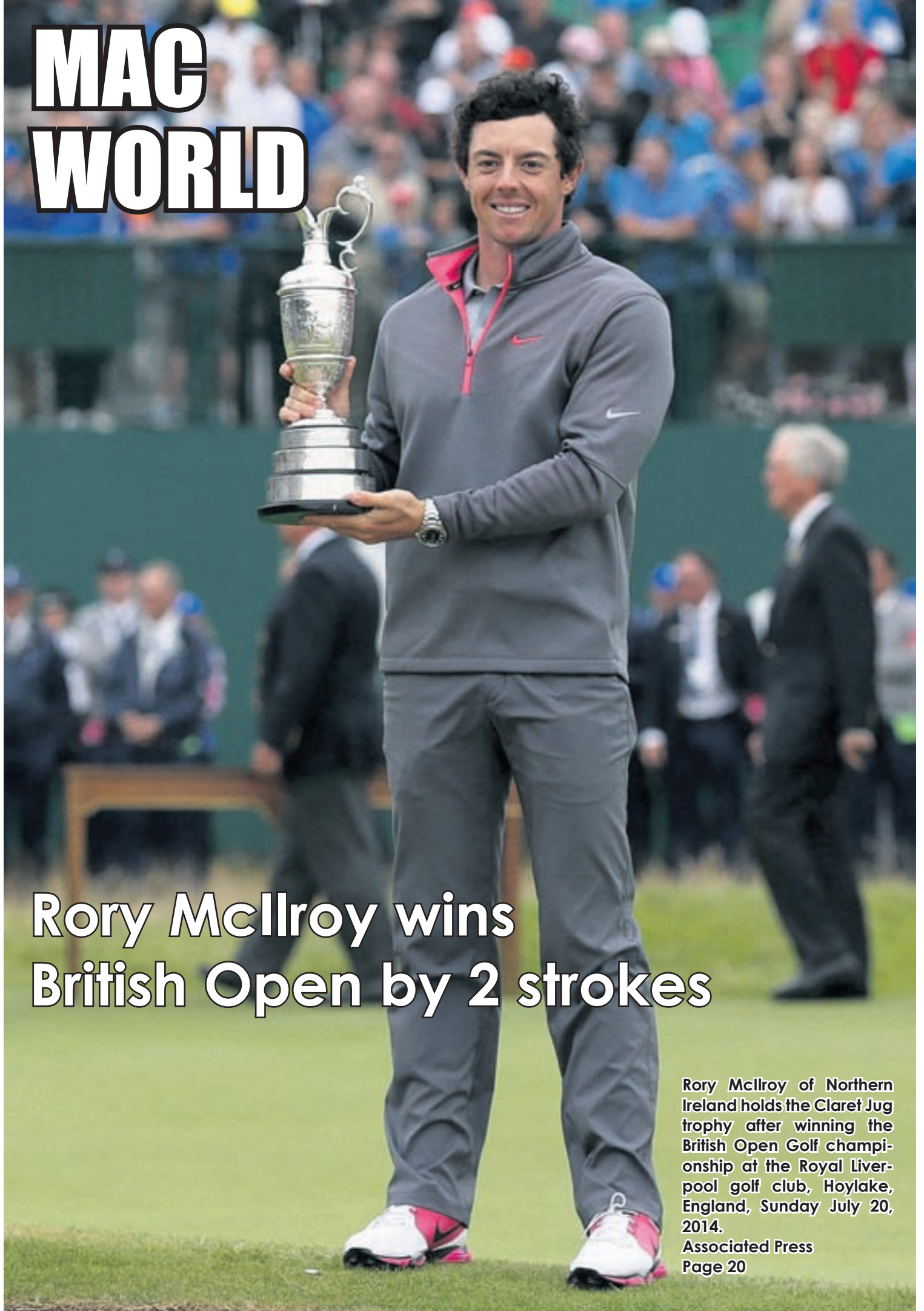
SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Now that she's officially a millionaire, Lydia Ko joked she'll have to keep a closer watch on where her paychecks go.

"I'll probably see that going into my mom's account," she said with a laugh, referring to the \$210,000 she got for winning Sunday's Marathon Classic.

The 17-year-old broke free from a late tie with So Yeon Ryu, hitting a wedge to 4 feet for birdie on the 72nd hole to take the lead. Then she tried in vain — she's just 5-foot-5 — to see past the large gallery at 18 as Ryu missed a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole that would have forced a playoff.

"I couldn't see it properly. I was behind some people," she said after her second LPGA Tour victory that matched the two Canadian Open titles she won as an amateur.

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MAC WORLD

Rory McIlroy wins British Open by 2 strokes

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland holds the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England, Sunday July 20, 2014.

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AL Capsules

Pop-fly single gives Yankees 3-2 win over Reds

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jacoby Ellsbury got four hits and scored the winning run in the ninth inning off Brian McCann's pop-fly single that dropped near three Cincinnati Reds in shallow right field, giving the New York Yankees a 3-2 victory Sunday.

Ellsbury and Derek Jeter each had an RBI single for the Yankees, who finished a three-game sweep in their first series after the All-Star break.

Ellsbury also stole two bases and made a sliding catch in center field that saved a run. He reached safely all five times up, including a leadoff single in the ninth

off Aroldis Chapman (0-3). David Robertson (1-2) pitched a perfect ninth to give the Reds their season-high, sixth straight road loss. BLUE JAYS 9, RANGERS 6 TORONTO (AP) — Melky Cabrera hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning as Toronto beat slumping Texas.

Cabrera drove in three runs and finished 3 for 5, his 13th multi-hit effort in the past 28 games, as the Blue Jays won their first series since sweeping a two-game set against Milwaukee on July 1-2.

Cabrera's homer came on the third pitch he saw from right-hander Neftali Feliz (0-1), handing Texas its



Cincinnati Reds first baseman, Todd Frazier, left, and second baseman Skip Schumaker chase after a ball hit by New York Yankees' Brian McCann during the ninth inning of the game at Yankee Stadium Sunday, July 20, 2014 in New York. The hit scored the winning run and the Yankees defeated the Reds 3-2.

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13th loss in 15 road games. The Rangers have won just four of their past 28 overall and are a major league-worst 39-59. It is the first time Texas is 20 games under .500 since finishing the 2003 season 71-91.

Todd Redmond (1-4) worked one inning for the win.

Toronto sealed it with a three-run eighth against Matt West.

Rangers right-hander Nick Tepesch allowed five runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings. TIGERS 5, INDIANS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Drew Smyly allowed four hits in seven innings as Torii Hunter hit a two-run homer to help Detroit beat Cleveland and avoid a four-game sweep. Smyly (6-8) didn't give up a hit until Yan Gomes' two-out double in the fifth. The left-hander allowed one

run on Gomes' seventh-inning homer — and two walks with six strikeouts.

Josh Tomlin (5-7) allowed four runs, six hits and a walk over 4 1-3 innings.

The AL Central-leading Tigers (54-41) stopped a four-game losing streak and increased their lead over Cleveland to 5 1-2 games.

Cleveland (50-48) had reached a season-high three games over .500 by winning four in a row.

RED SOX 6, ROYALS 0 BOSTON (AP) — Jon Lester allowed no earned runs for the third time in four starts as Boston completed a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

In eight innings, the All-Star left-hander struck out eight and gave up two walks and four hits. □

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NL Capsules

Rare McGehee homes gets Marlins by Giants

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MIAMI (AP) — NL hits leader Casey McGehee homered for the second time this season as Miami took the lead for good on a wild pitch by Tim Lincecum in the seventh inning to beat San Francisco.

Miami stopped a six-game losing streak and averted a three-game series sweep. McGehee came in with 118 hits and 54 RBIs, and the two-run homer in the first inning was his first since May 10. Lincecum (9-6) allowed three runs in seven innings, ending his streak of wins in four consecutive starts.

Brad Hand (1-2) gave the Marlins' shaky rotation a welcome boost by pitching seven innings to match a career high, and he allowed two runs. He had been 1-12 previously as a starter, with the lone victory in 2011.

Hand lowered his ERA to 5.02 in six starts this year. Steve Cishek pitched a perfect ninth for his 21st save in 24 chances.

PIRATES 5, ROCKIES 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Andrew McCutchen hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and Neil Walker followed with a home run as Pittsburgh overcame a three-run deficit to beat

Colorado for a three-game sweep.

With the score 3-all, Matt Belisle (2-6) relieved, and Josh Harrison worked out a seven-pitch walk leading off the seventh. Harrison stole second and scored on a single by McCutchen, who then was caught stealing second. Walker followed with his 14th homer. Jeanmar Gomez (2-2) pitched a one-hit seventh, All-Star Tony Watson struck out two in a perfect eighth, and Mark Melancon pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 18th save in 21 chances.

Pittsburgh has two series sweeps this month after failing to sweep any during the first three months of the season.

NATIONALS 5, BREWERS 4
WASHINGTON (AP) — Jayson Werth hit a game-winning RBI double in the bottom of the ninth after the Brewers tied it in the top of the inning as Washington edged Milwaukee.

Washington's bullpen tossed five scoreless innings in relief of Gio Gonzalez until Rickie Weeks' RBI single in the ninth off closer Rafael Soriano (1-1), who earned the win despite blowing his third save in 25 chances.

Anthony Rendon reached on a fielder's choice

against Rob Wooten (1-4) with two outs and scored from first on Werth's drive into the left field corner.

Washington took two of three in the series. Ryan Zimmerman had two hits, including a two-run homer, for the Nationals.

BRAVES 8, PHILLIES 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Tommy La Stella drove in three runs, and Chris Johnson hit a two-run homer to back Alex Wood and help Atlanta rout Philadelphia.

The Braves have won five of seven and remained second in the NL East, one percentage point behind Washington.

Wood (7-7) allowed three hits and one run with eight strikeouts in six innings to win for the first time four starts.

The first five innings were played in a steady drizzle before heavy rain caused a 1 hour, 39-minute delay in the middle of the sixth.

Philadelphia took a 1-0 lead in the second when John Mayberry Jr. homered, but the Braves went up 2-1 in the bottom half of the inning on Johnson's seventh homer.

Phillies starter Kyle Kendrick (4-10) gave up five hits, six runs, two walks and struck out one in five innings. Over his last six starts, Kendrick is



Miami Marlins' Casey McGehee watches the ball after he hit a two-run home run scoring Giancarlo Stanton during the first inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants, Sunday, July 20, 2014 in Miami.

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1-4 with a 6.99 ERA.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, CUBS 1
PHOENIX (AP) — Josh Collmenter threw seven sharp innings as Arizona scored on an unusual play in the sixth inning to completed a three-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs.

The only run off Collmenter (8-5) came on Anthony Rizzo's 23rd home run of the season and third of the series.

Arizona's go-ahead run scored from third base when the first baseman Rizzo caught a pop foul while

tumbling into the camera well. By rule, runners are awarded a base when a defensive player carries the ball out of play.

David Peralta, who scored on the play, drove in two runs with a double and single.

Jake Arrieta (5-2) allowed three runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings for the Cubs. Collmenter gave up four hits, struck out four and walked one.

Addison Reed pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save in 28 tries.

Rory McIlroy wins British Open for 3rd major

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

HOYLAK, England (AP)

— Walking off the 18th green as the British Open champion, Rory McIlroy kept gazing at all the greats on golf's oldest trophy. On the claret jug, his name is etched in silver below Phil Mickelson.

In the record book, he is listed behind Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as the youngest to get three legs of the career Grand Slam. And over four days at Royal Liverpool, he had no equal. "I'm immensely proud of myself," McIlroy said after his two-shot victory Sunday that was never really in doubt. "To sit here, 25 years of age, and win my third major championship and be three-quarters of the

way to a career Grand Slam ... yeah, I never dreamed of being at this point in my career so quickly."

He had to work a little harder than he wanted for this one.

Staked to a six-shot lead going into the final round, McIlroy turned back every challenge. He made two key birdies around the turn, and delivered a majestic drive at just the right moment to close with a 1-under 71 and complete his wire-to-wire victory.

In another major lacking tension over the final hour, what brought The Open to life was the potential of its champion.

After nearly two years of turmoil, McIlroy looked like the kid who shattered scoring records to win

the 2011 U.S. Open at Congressional, and who won the PGA Championship at Kiawah Island by a record eight shots a year later.

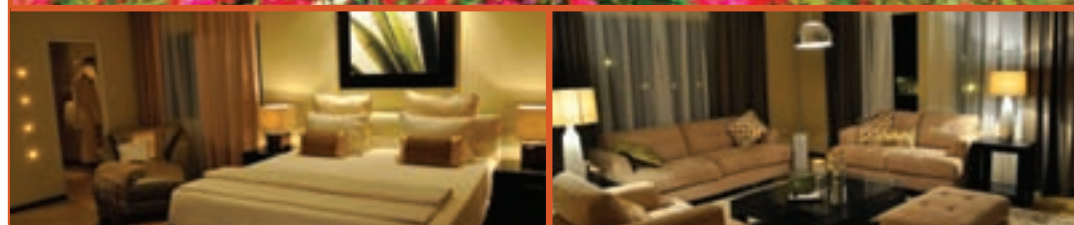
Boy Wonder is back. Or maybe he's just getting started again.

McIlroy won by two shots over Sergio Garcia and Rickie Fowler to become the first start-to-finish winner since Woods at St. Andrews in 2005. Even with one major left this year, the Northern Irishman already is looking ahead to Augusta National next April for a shot at the slam. "I've really found my passion again for golf," McIlroy said. "Not that it ever dwindled, but it's what I think about when I get up in the morning. It's what I think about when I



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland holds the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England, Sunday July 20, 2014.

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go to bed. I just want to be the best golfer that I can be. And I know if I can do that, then trophies like this are within my capability."

McIlroy put an end to this major with a powerful drive down the fairway at the par-5 16th, setting up a two-putt birdie to restore his lead to three shots. He finished with two pars, tapping in for par on the 18th green.

The hard part was trying not to cry when his mother, Rosie, came onto the green with tears streaming down her face. She was not at the other two majors. Before leaving, McIlroy turned and applauded the fans in the horseshoe arena who were witness to another masterpiece.

This could have been another romp except for a shaky stretch early for McIlroy, and solid efforts from Garcia and Fowler.

Garcia pulled within two shots with four holes to play until he put his tee shot in a pot bunker just right of the 15th green. His first shot failed to get over the 4-foot sodden wall and rolled back into the sand. He made bogey, and two

birdies over the final three holes were not enough. Garcia shot 66 and was runner-up in a major for the fourth time.

"I think that we gave it a good effort," Garcia said. "And there was someone a little bit better."

Fowler, playing in the final group for the second straight major, didn't do anything wrong. He just didn't do enough right to make up a six-shot deficit. Fowler played without a bogey, made three birdies on the last four holes and shot 67.

"He played awesome," Fowler said. "And it was just kind of fun to throw a few shots at him coming. To see him win was pretty cool."

It was the first time two straight majors were won wire to wire. Martin Kaymer did it last month at Pinehurst No. 2, taking the U.S. Open by eight shots.

McIlroy, who finished at 17-under 271, wasn't the only big winner Sunday. Ten years ago, his father and three of his friends each put up 100 pounds (\$170) at 500-1 odds that McIlroy would win the British Open before he turned 26. □



Lidya ko
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"But I kind of could tell what happened by the crowd's reaction."

She became the youngest player to top \$1 million in career earnings on the LPGA Tour. Ko is roughly 17 months younger than Lexi Thompson, previously the youngest. Ko has shown incredible consistency in her rookie year on tour, making the cut in all 15 tournaments she's entered. She has six top-10 finishes in addition to her wins, with five of those being top-fives.

Ryu had poured in a big-breaking, 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th to pull even.

But then Ko stuck her approach at the par-5 closing hole and calmly rolled in the birdie putt for a 6-under 65 that left her at 15-under 269.

Ryu hit a brilliant third shot to the green, but pushed her 6-footer at the 18th.

"Absolutely I'm disappointed I missed (that) birdie putt," she said. "Sometimes if I get something lucky, then I get something that is unlucky. I just accept it and let it go."

Ko was resilient, also shrugging aside a challenge from veteran Cristie Kerr, who pulled into a tie with her on the homeward nine. Ko, who proudly bears the flag of her native New Zealand on her golf bag, started the final round in fifth place, three shots behind co-leaders Laura Diaz and Lee-Anne Pace.

While they foundered, she crept up the leaderboard with birdies at holes 3 and 4. She tied for the top spot with a 12-foot birdie putt at the par-3 eighth, then took a solo lead for the first time after hitting her approach

to 10 feet at the 10th.

Kerr, seeking her 17th career victory, rolled in a left-to-right breaker from 15 feet at the 13th to pull even. But her approach on the 399-yard, par-4 15th missed left and settled into heavy rough. She muscled the pitch shot onto the green, but it rolled 6 feet past and she lipped out the par putt.

Kerr, who shot a 67 to finish three shots back in third, failed to apply pressure when she could not birdie the closing two par-5s.

"I had a good/bad week," she said. "I didn't play 17 and 18 well all week. If you're going to win here you have to take advantage of those holes."

Ko hit a pitching wedge from 121 yards to 6 feet past the pin, then rolled in the downhill putt for a two-shot lead at the 16, but Ryu birdied four of six holes late in her round to tie.

Playing in the pairing immediately in front of Ryu, Ko hit three perfect shots on the closing par-5, which is bisected by a large, deep valley with a creek at the bottom. Her 72-yard chip shot nestled 4 feet away and she drilled it into the heart of the hole to regain the lead.

Ryu's third on the final hole ended up pin-high and 6 feet away. But she pushed the putt off the right edge, the large gallery groaning as the ball rolled past.

Ryu's 67 left her at 270. Kelly Tan (67), Katherine Kirk (68) and Pace (71) were at 273. Diaz, who led almost from the start after birdieing her first five holes on Thursday, lapsed to a 75 and finished at 277.

Ko came into the round, which was delayed an hour by fog, vowing to shoot a 65.



Norway's Alexander Kristoff crosses the finish line ahead of second place Austria's Heinrich Haussler, right, to win the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 222 kilometers (137.9 miles) with start in Tallard and finish in Nimes, France, Sunday, July 20, 2014.

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Kristoff wins Tour's flat Stage 15; Nibali leads

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

NIMES, France (AP) — Alexander Kristoff of Norway captured his second stage win of this year's Tour de France by leading home a pack that overtook two breakaway riders with only about 50 meters to go in a dramatic finish to Stage 15 on Sunday.

Vincenzo Nibali of Italy, having made sure that his main rivals couldn't claw back any time, finished smoothly in the trailing pack to keep the overall leader's yellow jersey.

After two days in the Alps, Sunday's stage offered some relief over a flat 222 kilometers (138 miles) from Tallard, southeast France's parachuting capital, toward the city of Nimes — known for its Roman arena and bullfighting.

Kristoff, a Katusha rider who also won Stage 12, lifted a fist after leading the sprinters who surged ahead of the two breakaways — Swiss champion Martin Elmiger and Jack Bauer of New Zealand — who had led the stage virtually since the starter's gun.

"It was a little bit late for comfort. It was very close,"

said Kristoff. "I thought I would be second ... we turned on the gas."

Bauer tapped his head on his helmet, sighed heavily, leaned over his bike and burst into tears after failing to win. In the last few hundred meters, he left IAM Cycling's Elmiger behind as he headed for the line.

"It's a fantasy for any cyclist to win a stage at the Tour and especially for a Kiwi cyclist, not many of us turn professional and not many of us get a chance to start the Tour de France," Bauer said. "I really gave it absolutely everything, and as you can see from my meltdown at the finish I was pretty disappointed to come away empty-handed." The pack, which timed its creep up on the duo to perfection, was just too strong for the New Zealander. By the time that Bauer, pedaling with his last remaining strength, looked back a last time, they were already zooming by. He ended up finishing in 10th place. Elmiger was 16th.

With about 20 kilometers (12 miles) left in the stage, the riders briefly got doused with heavy rain, though the skies brightened by

the end. A series of roundabouts and leg fatigue among the sprinters after the Alpine stages gave an advantage to the breakaway pair until the final seconds. "Of course, that's a pity for them, but I don't feel sorry for them," said Kristoff, noting that sprinters usually reign in such stages. "Normally, the break should never have had a chance, but they did. They were really strong guys ... That must have been really hard."

Nibali kept his main rivals for the Tour title at bay. He leads Spain's Alejandro Valverde, in second, by 4:37, and Romain Bardet of France is third, 4:50 behind. American Tejay van Garderen trails fifth, 5:49 back. Nibali, the leader of Kazakh team Astana, is looking likely to take home the yellow jersey when the three-week race finishes next Sunday in Paris. Some of his best-placed rivals have already said the contest is now more for a podium spot below him.

The Italian has shown race savvy — such as by gaining time on tricky cobblestone patches in Stage 2 — and nearly insurmountable dominance on high climbs.

Fleeting Bolt visit could be key to Glasgow Games

ROB HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

Competing in just one event, Usain Bolt is likely to race in Glasgow for less than 20 seconds. Just convincing the sprint star to come to the Commonwealth Games, though, should go a long way to elevating the status of a sporting spectacle that might seem anachronistic. Two years after the exuberance of the London Olympics, where Bolt left with three golds, Britain is welcoming the world back this week — or former members of the British Empire at least — for Scotland's largest-ever multi-sports event. Across 11 days, 4,500 athletes will be competing in 17 events as the 20th Commonwealth Games is broadcast for the first time to television audiences in all 71 competing nations and territories. How full the venues will be on those screens remains unclear, with the insatiable appetite for Olympic tickets in London not appearing to have been matched north of the border. The ticket website shows "high availability" still for many events, including Wednesday's opening ceremony, headlined by rock star Rod Stewart at the home of his beloved football club Celtic, and Susan Boyle, the



In this Aug. 18, 2013 file photo, Jamaica's Usain Bolt celebrates winning his third gold medal in the men's 4x100-meter relay at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

church volunteer whose soaring voice turned her into an overnight reality TV star. Even track and field events, which start Sunday at the Hampden Park national football stadium, have tickets still on sale for all but two of the 10 sessions. Not though on Aug. 1 and Aug. 2 when Bolt will appear for the first time. Unlike in London when he swept the 100, 200 and 4x100-meter relay titles, the Jamaican is restricting himself to the relay in Glasgow, with just a heat and inevitable final. Organizers should be

relieved Bolt is participating at all, given his lack of action this season due to a foot injury. "I have received lots of requests, invitations and messages of support from my fans in Scotland who are looking forward to a great event," said Bolt, who skipped the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games. Like Bolt, a recent foot injury prevented compatriot Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, the double 100-meter Olympic champion, from participating in the Jamaican trials so her involvement in Glasgow will also be restricted to the

relay. Although the enduring relevance of the Commonwealth is often questioned in the 21st century, Fraser-Pryce's affection for the organization's sports festival is clear. "It ranks high because I've never been to a Commonwealth Games before," Fraser-Pryce told The Associated Press. "I've always thought (after) winning an Olympic gold medal, a world championship gold medal and a world indoor gold medal that if I had a Commonwealth gold medal that would top things off. "I don't think it's outdated

(the Commonwealth Games), I just think that a lot of persons who believe that are the world powers who aren't here. So they believe that it's not a big thing, but ... we are part of the Commonwealth and we see it as something big." Organizers will be hoping to recapture the high spirits of London 2012, with an array of British Olympic medalists splitting off to compete under the home nations' flags. Perhaps offsetting Bolt's truncated participation, English favorite Mo Farah declared himself fit to try to add to his 5,000 and 10,000 Olympic titles and shake off the frustrations from his lackluster full London Marathon debut in April.

Away from the temporary Hampden Park track, Bradley Wiggins will also have a point to prove in the newly-built velodrome and on the roads of Glasgow after the 2012 Tour de France champion was omitted from the Team Sky squad for this year's race. The Tollcross swimming pool should be the scene of some of the most fiercely competitive action, with the sold-out 100-meter breaststroke final pitting Olympic champion Cameron van der Burgh of South Africa against Australia's world champion Christian Sprenger. □

Wozniacki defeats Vinci to win Istanbul Cup title

ISTANBUL (AP) - Caroline Wozniacki overpowered second-seeded Roberta Vinci 6-1, 6-1 Sunday to win the Istanbul Cup final and clinch her first WTA title of the year and 22nd overall. The top-seeded Dane needed only 67 minutes against the 24th-ranked Italian. Wozniacki won 76 percent of points on her first serve - compared to just 43 percent for Vinci and also saved all six break points against her at the hard-court Koza World of Sport

Complex. "I served well and pushed her around the court," said Wozniacki, who won all seven of her service games. Vinci was broken five times in the match and lost her last three service games. The two players are 2-2 in head-to-heads with Vinci beating Wozniacki when she was the top-ranked player in 2011. The 24-year-old Wozniacki - runner-up at the 2009 U.S. Open to Kim Clijsters - has won at least one WTA title every year since 2008. □



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark holds up her trophy after her victory against Roberta Vinci of Italy in their tennis final match at the Istanbul Cup in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, July 20, 2014.

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Mayer upsets Ferrer in Hamburg for 1st title

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Argentina's Leonardo Mayer upset top-seeded David Ferrer of Spain 6-7 (3), 6-1, 7-6 (4) in the Hamburg Open final on Sunday to win his first ATP title. The 46th-ranked Mayer saved five of the eight break points he faced and converted five of his seven chances to beat the seventh-ranked Spaniard in the clay court tournament. "I can't believe it," Mayer said. "I was able to do it against Ferrer, who is one of the best players on this surface. I'm really happy and it still hasn't sunk in that I won." Mayer had not dropped a set in five matches to reach the final, while the 32-year-old Ferrer had been bidding for his 22nd title. "He was better in the match," Ferrer said. "I think I was little bit nervous in the important moments and he played more aggressive than me, and nothing else." □

Women go online to protest 'everyday sexism'

SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — When Laura Bates was followed home one night by a man from her bus, she didn't think much of it. Incidents like that just seemed to be part of living in London.

But the writer said several other similar situations followed within days: One stranger shouted obscenities at her out of a car window. Another propositioned her forcefully in a cafe. A third groped her on the bus, and commuters looked away when she spoke up. She was startled not so much by the incidents — but how accustomed she had become to brushing such behavior aside and not taking action.

"I started talking to other women, and I couldn't believe how many stories they had. I think many of us just think 'maybe I'm unlucky,'" said Bates, 27, in an interview. "Just like me, so many of them said 'until you asked me, I've never talked to anyone about this.'"

Those conversations triggered the birth of the Everyday Sexism project, a website that Bates set up for women to share their experiences of sexism and harassment in their daily lives — in the office, on the train, in school or on the street. Two years on, what started as a simple idea has become a movement that is steadily gaining momentum, galvanizing support from politicians, police and thousands of women and men from Britain and beyond.

The project has collected



Laura Bates, the founder of the Everyday Sexism Project, poses for a portrait in London, Monday, July 14, 2014. Associated Press

70,000 posts from some 20 countries, describing a wide range of unwelcome behavior and offenses from a colleague's casual comment to unreported rapes. Many tell of assault, threats of violence and verbal abuse in public places. Others report seemingly innocuous behavior and comments: One woman tells how a sales assistant handed back her change to her male friend, after she had paid for the goods.

Some are disturbing because those posting are so young: A 12-year-old wrote to tell how she was told to "get back in the kitchen" by her male classmates when she raised her hand to say something, and numerous preteens say they are harassed daily by men who shout at or touch them on the way to school. The outpouring on Bates' website, and the attention it has garnered, has trans-

lated into some successes offline. Bates has addressed a United Nations-hosted forum and worked with British politicians, schools and businesses, and she and other activist groups have collaborated with British Transport Police to help reduce sexual assault and unwanted sexual behavior on subway trains and buses.

"The greatest problem is a high degree of under-reporting," said Inspector Ricky Twyford, who oversees the force's awareness campaign. That has improved in the past year or so, he said. "Definitely there has been a shift in the confidence and awareness of people who either experienced or witnessed it to come forward."

The force says reporting rates have increased by 36 percent, while arrests were up 22 percent compared to the year before.

Bates said she was surprised that despite perceived equality in the workplace, sexism in the office remains the most commonly voiced concern on her website.

"There were men in their office printing off pictures of female applicants and rating them out of ten. Other women say their colleagues went to strip clubs at lunch time with clients and they just missed out on these deals," she said. Many such incidents go unreported largely because women are afraid of losing their jobs, she said. The popularity of social media has been key in sparking interest and debate in women's rights campaigns like Bates'. When a disturbed young man who had professed hostility to women went on a shooting rampage in California in May, hundreds of thousands of women world-

wide turned to Twitter to reflect on the misogyny they experience in their own daily lives, using the hashtag YesAllWomen.

Bates said the online community has encouraged women to speak out against sexism even if they have been ridiculed or told "not to make a fuss about it" elsewhere.

"That doesn't work anymore because suddenly 50,000 people are saying the same thing. The social media age has enabled a sort of collective action and made people feel courageous," she said.

Not all the reactions have been positive. Critics have argued that the focus is too trivial and distract from more important women's issues. Others say some of the behavior described in the entries does not count as sexism, or claim the women are being overly sensitive.

Bates has plans to expand the project's reach to places from Mexico to Serbia to India, and says there is still much to be done at home. Sexualized images of women are still everywhere, she said, a major influence on how women are treated from day to day. This week, when Prime Minister David Cameron announced a government shakeup to promote more women to the Cabinet, British tabloids chose to focus on what the female politicians wore and how they styled their hair.

"People say sexism doesn't exist anymore," Bates said. "But it really is one of those things where once you see it, you can't stop seeing it all around you." □

TV show puts 'fast and slow lanes' on DC sidewalk

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pedestrians walking along sidewalk in the U.S. capital Thursday found themselves with a choice. "No cellphones," said lettering on one side of the sidewalk. "Cellphones," the other lane said. "Walk at your own risk." The walkway warnings, which ran about a block on

Washington's 18th Street, weren't the work of city officials. Instead, they were put there by the brains behind a National Geographic television show as part of a behavior experiment.

A National Geographic Channel spokesman acknowledged the channel was behind the temporary signage and said pedestrians' reactions were being

filmed for "Mind Over Masses," a new series. But the spokesman, Chad Sandhas, declined to discuss details of the experiment during the filming, which he said would continue Friday. A notice on the website of the city's Office of Motion Picture and Television Development said the new science series "uses what we know about human be-

havior" to develop "interactive solutions to everyday problems." The notice said the show planned to create "Fast and slow lanes" on the sidewalk, "allowing participants to choose."

On Thursday afternoon, many pedestrians seemed to ignore the markings, though there were some who took pictures of the novel signage or stopped

to watch someone in a gorilla suit eating a banana that was also somehow part of the filming.

Irene Fadakar, 54, a secretary who walking, said she noticed the markings at the beginning of the sidewalk. But she acknowledged that less than a block later she was back on her phone, walking in the lane marked no cellphones. □

Private jet recovery from recession an uneven ride

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HARTFORD, Connecticut
(AP) — Private jet sales are rising again, climbing out of a deep recession when

is bringing out shoppers for private jets. The president of jet engine maker Pratt & Whitney says deliveries for private planes are growing after hitting bottom in 2011.

it harder to finance some private-plane purchases. Richard Aboulafia, an aerospace consultant, compared the industry's uneven improvement with

Phebe Novakovic told investor analysts in May that corporate customers have returned and "the world has experienced enormous wealth creation," with the rich shopping for planes.

Pratt & Whitney Canada, a business jet engine manufacturer that laid off more than 400 workers in 2009 and 2010 — about 4.5 percent of its workforce — has a "very solid pipeline of products," President Paul Adams told reporters in May. The subsidiary of Hartford-based United Technologies Corp. has "steady growth in product deliveries," he said.

Improvements in the top part of the business — jets costing \$26 million or more — have driven the market's recovery, he said. Total business jet deliveries were valued at \$20.9 billion in 2013, compared with a peak of \$24.7 billion in 2008, Aboulafia said. The industry hit bottom at \$18 billion in deliveries in 2012, he said. Shipments of business jets peaked at 1,313 in 2008 and tumbled to 672 in 2012, a 48 percent drop, according to the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. The number rose in 2013 by a tiny 0.9 percent, but it was the first time in five years that shipments had increased from one year to the next.

The business jet became a symbol of corporate excess

when Detroit auto executives flew to Washington seeking bailout money. And Citigroup, which downplayed the risks of subprime mortgages, was pressured by the White House to cancel the planned delivery of a jet.

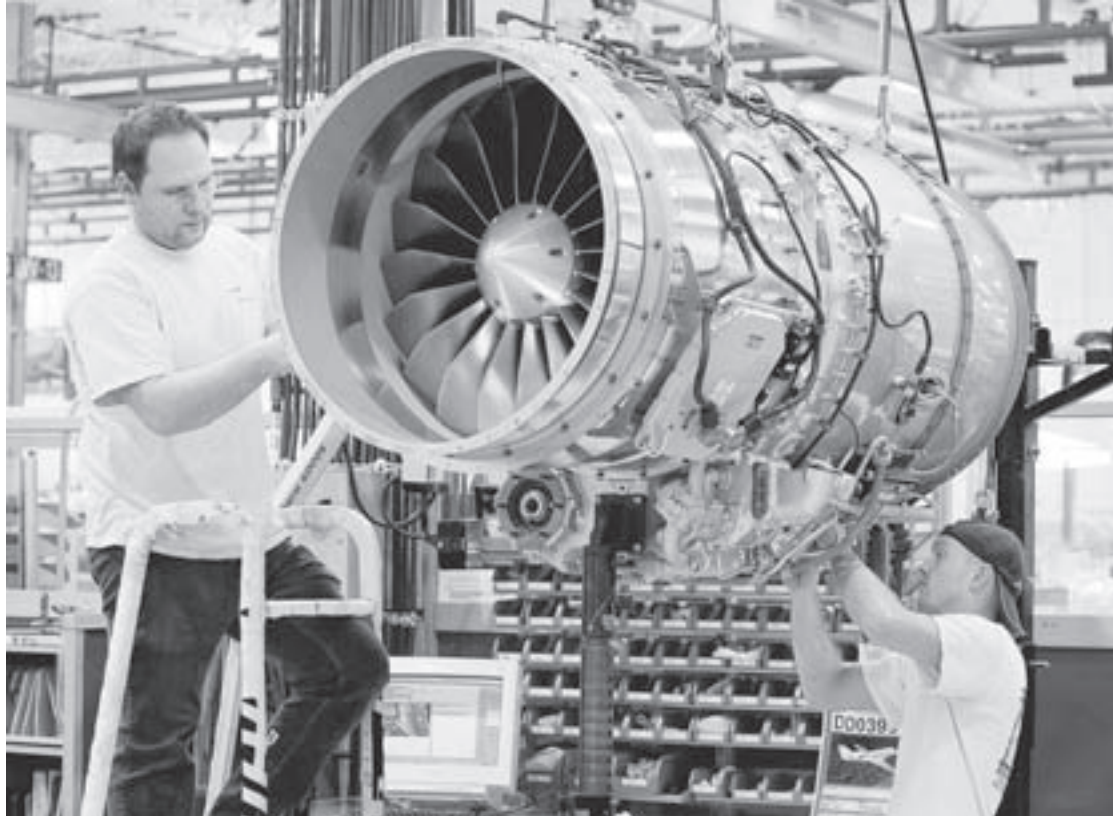
Aboulafia said in a report in April that even in the recession, sales rose 0.3 percent for the top half of the private jet market. The bottom half, which accounts for jets costing \$4 million to \$26 million, fell nearly 56 percent, "one of the worst market cataclysms to ever impact any mature industry segment," he said.

The poor performance of small and mid-sized business jet purchases are partly due to tight credit, while larger jet purchases are more likely to be self-financed, he said.

Edward Jones analyst Christian Mayes also cited as a reason a glut of smaller planes that were manufactured.

Industry details drawing distinctions between business purchases and those by the rich are not available.

However, one reason financing is not as big of a challenge for large jets is that "some big celebrities still buy multimillion-dollar jets no matter what because they want to get from point A to B as fast as possible," Mayes said. □



Workers assemble a PW500 engine destined for a Cessna Citation at the Pratt & Whitney plant in Longueuil, Quebec, Canada. Sales of private jets, like the Citation, are rising again in 2014 after the deep recession when the company plane was an easy target for spending cuts. Pratt & Whitney Canada laid off more than 400 workers in 2009 and 2010. But company president Paul Adams said in May 2014 that improvements in the top part of the business have driven the market's recovery.

(AP Photo/Paul Chiasson)

the company plane was an easy target for spending cuts.

The chief executive of General Dynamics Corp., maker of Gulfstream jets, says corporate customers are back and wealth creation

The improving market has not been universal. Signs of strength have been in large-cabin planes, while sales of small and mid-sized planes have stalled.

Credit markets also have not fully recovered, making

the bumpy economic recovery.

"In its own very high-end way, it mirrors what's going on," he said. "It's the haves and the have-nots, but it's all haves."

General Dynamics CEO

Notable absences in Amazon digital e-book service debut

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After months of speculation, Amazon this weekend introduced a digital subscription service that allows subscribers unlimited access to a library e-books and audiobooks for \$10 a month.

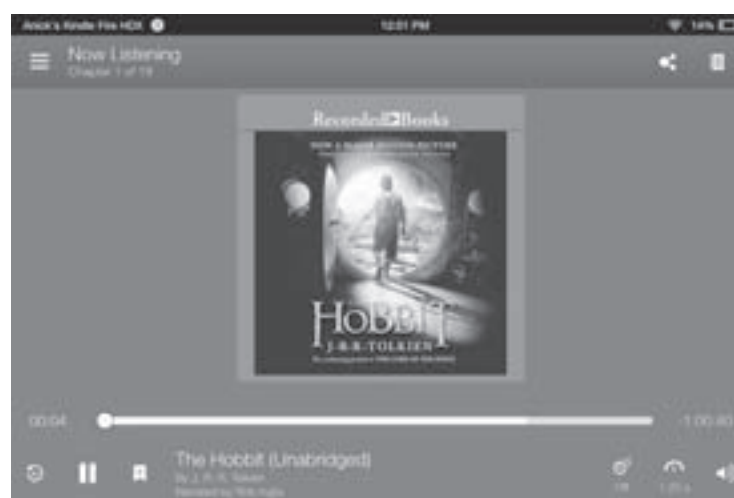
The service, Kindle Unlimited, offers a Netflix-style, all-you-can-read approach to more than 600,000 e-books, including blockbuster series like "The Hunger Games" and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," nonfiction titles like "Flash Boys" by Michael Lewis, as well as literary fiction and classics.

So far, however, none of the five biggest publishers appear to be making their books available through the service.

HarperCollins, Hachette and Simon & Schuster, for example, are not participating, representatives from the three companies confirmed.

Penguin Random House and Macmillan declined to comment, but a search on Amazon suggests that they are not making their books available.

As a result, some popular titles were noticeably absent when the service began this weekend.



This screen shot taken from an Kindle Fire HDX shows "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien, an audiobook available through Amazon's Kindle Unlimited subscription service. The service will allow unlimited access to thousands of electronic books and audiobooks for \$9.99 a month in the online giant's latest effort to attract more users.

(AP Photo)

Among the imprints making their books available to the service are Scholastic, which published "The Hunger Games" series, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

News of Kindle Unlimited was reported earlier this week, when Amazon accidentally posted a promotional video for the subscription model. The video was quickly taken down from Amazon's website, but not before technology bloggers noticed.

In offering the service, Amazon is entering an increasingly crowded marketplace. □

GM resists call to expand its victims' fund

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The cars are different, but the circumstances surrounding their recall are strikingly similar.

The ignition switch would suddenly shut off, drivers complained. Dealers were alerted to the problem. General Motors then quietly fixed the switch, without removing the faulty parts from circulation. And for more than a decade, there was no recall.

Yet GM maintains that a distinct difference exists between its recall of 2.6 million older Chevrolet Cobalts and other cars, which started in February, and its more recent recall of 7.6 million cars like the Chevrolet Malibu, announced June 30.

For that reason, it has refused to expand a fund set up to compensate victims of the defective Cobalts - infuriating safety advocates.

Its insistence comes even after new information filed with regulators was made public Friday that further detailed the similarities.

GM has linked the faulty ignition in the Cobalts and Saturn Ions to 13 deaths and 54 accidents. In the most recent recalls involving the Malibu and other cars, the company said it was aware of seven crashes, eight injuries and three deaths in the vehicles.

At a Senate committee hearing last week, Blumenthal pressed Mary T. Barra, GM's chief executive, to justify the distinctions between the ignition recalls. In response, Barra stressed that the automaker's compensation plan related to "very specific issues" and "a series of mistakes that were made over a long period of time" in the Cobalt family of vehicles.

But the facts of the latest recall mirror those of the Cobalt defect. As with the Cobalt, GM learned of problems in the other vehicles more than a decade before issuing a recall. □

On The Job:

Part-time schedules, full-time headaches

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A worker at an apparel store at Woodbury Common, an outlet mall north of New York City, said that even though some part-time employees clamored

which some states and cities are seeking to limit the harshest effects of increasingly unpredictable and on-call work schedules. Many readers voiced dismay with the volatility of Americans' work sched-

already had enough employees working. She wasn't paid for the day.

"What happened to Ms. Coleman should be criminal," "JenD" of New Jersey wrote in the second-most-recommended comment.

a follow-up interview, he said: "In a small business, if you've scheduled someone to work, there should always be enough to do - you don't send them home. I don't know why big business is any different."

Taylor said his 26-year-old son, a graduate of Minnesota State University who works at a Target warehouse, had a schedule that bounced around from week to week - 22 hours some weeks, 32 hours others, some day shifts and some night shifts.

"Why is it so hard to schedule someone for regular shifts?" Taylor asked.

A reader calling himself "Polish Ladies Cleaning Service" wrote that in the housecleaning business, it was "a particularly devilish problem" to maintain predictable schedules for employees.

"If a client cancels and there's no work, there's no work," he wrote. "We try to let everyone know ASAP, of course, but there are times when clients do cancel literally at the very last minute!"

In a follow-up interview, David Chou, the spokesman for Polish Ladies Cleaning Service, a company based in Brooklyn, told of a woman with a \$19,000-a-month apartment who failed to confirm a housecleaning appointment scheduled for that day. So the company had to tell the scheduled housekeeper she was not needed that morning.

"We try to reschedule the ladies with other clients if that's possible, but probably about half the times that's not possible," Chou said. "Mary," a reader from Atlanta, said it was understandable why so many employers relied on part-time workers.

"We do still have issues with supply and demand that make it difficult for some businesses to hire full time (e.g., retail brick-and-mortar stores struggling with seasonal slowdowns and competition from Internet stores)," she wrote. □



Courtney Moore, a cashier at a Walmart who had her hours cut when she began taking college classes in mornings and some afternoons, in Cincinnati, July 18, 2014. "They said they need someone they could call whenever they need help — and they said I'm not that person," Moore said. A fledgling movement is seeking to limit the harshest effects of today's increasingly unpredictable and on-call work schedules.

(Maddie McGarvey/The New York Times)

for more hours, the store had hired more part-timers and cut back many workers' hours to 10 a week from 20.

As soon as a nurse in Illinois arrived for her scheduled 3 p.m.-to-11 p.m. shift one Christmas Day, hospital officials told her to go home because the patient "census" was low. They also ordered her to remain on call for the next four hours - all unpaid.

An employee at a specialty store in California said his 25-hour-a-week job with wildly fluctuating hours wasn't enough to live on. But when he asked the store to schedule him between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. so he could find a second job, the store cut him to 12 hours a week.

These are among the experiences related by New York Times readers in more than 440 responses to an article this week about a fledgling movement in

ules and the inability of many part-timers to cobble together enough hours to support their families.

In a comment that was the most highly recommended by others - 307 of them - a reader with the nickname "pedigrees" wrote that workers were often reviled for not working hard enough or being educated enough.

"How can they work more jobs or commit to a degree program if they don't know what their work schedule will be next week, much less next month?" the reader wrote. "It's long past time for some certainty for workers. They drive the economy."

Some readers were shocked by the story of Mary Coleman, who, after an hourlong bus commute, arrived for her scheduled shift at a Popeyes in Milwaukee only to be told to go home without clocking in because the store

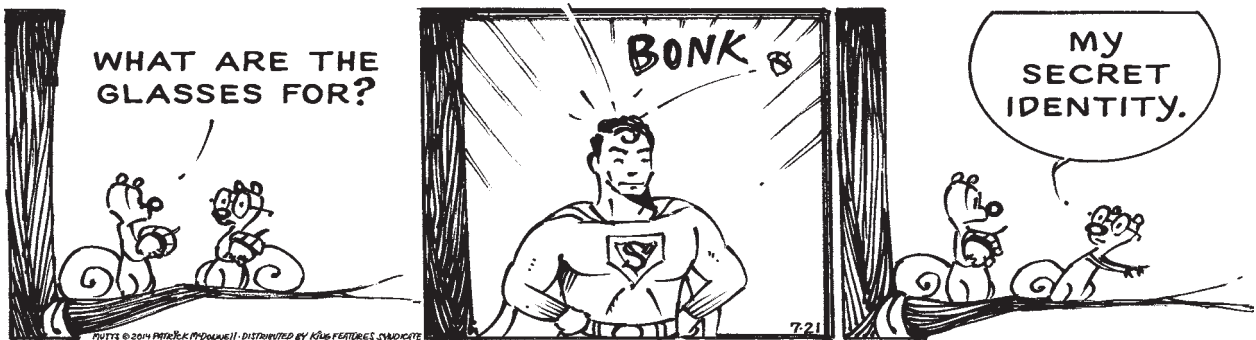
"These types of stories sound like they were written by Charles Dickens in the mid-19th century."

A reader from South Dakota, "JDT," wrote that he was baffled as to why so many employers created turmoil for their workers by assigning them a different schedule every week, making it hard to juggle their jobs with child care or college.

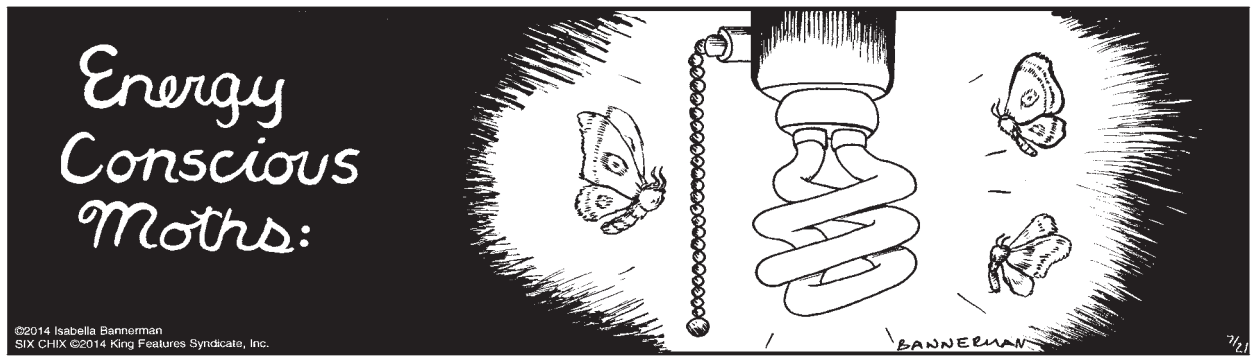
"As a small-business owner for over 30 years, I have always been able to provide my part-time employees with a firm, steady and predictable schedule," JDT wrote. "My employees are a vital and important asset. I treat them right, and they do their best for me. It's so easy ... Why can't big business run by M.B.A.s and highly compensated executives figure that out?"

JDT, whose name is Jim D. Taylor, runs a combined law and real estate firm in Mitchell, South Dakota. In

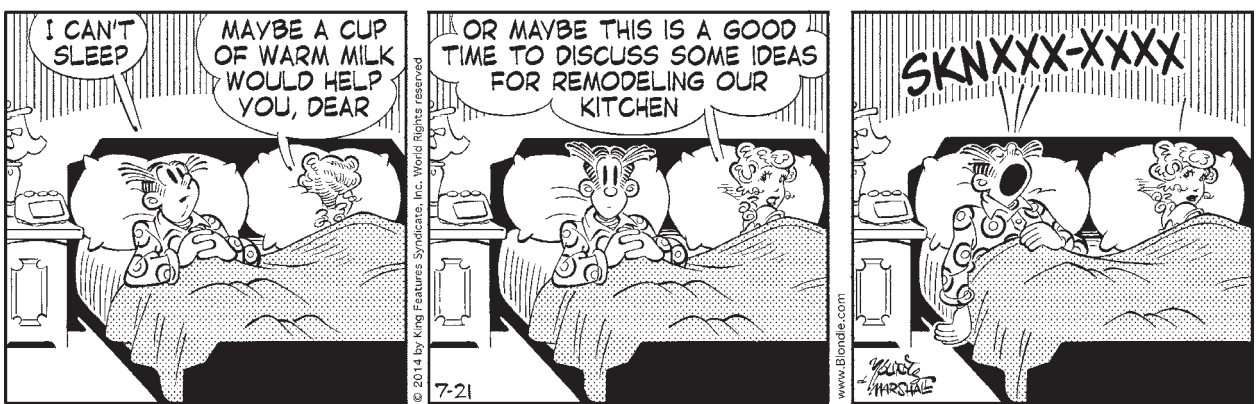
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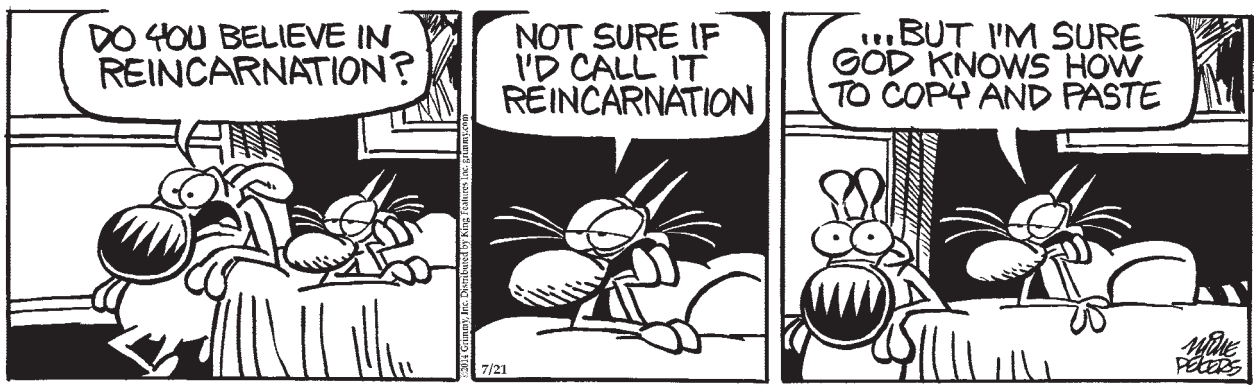
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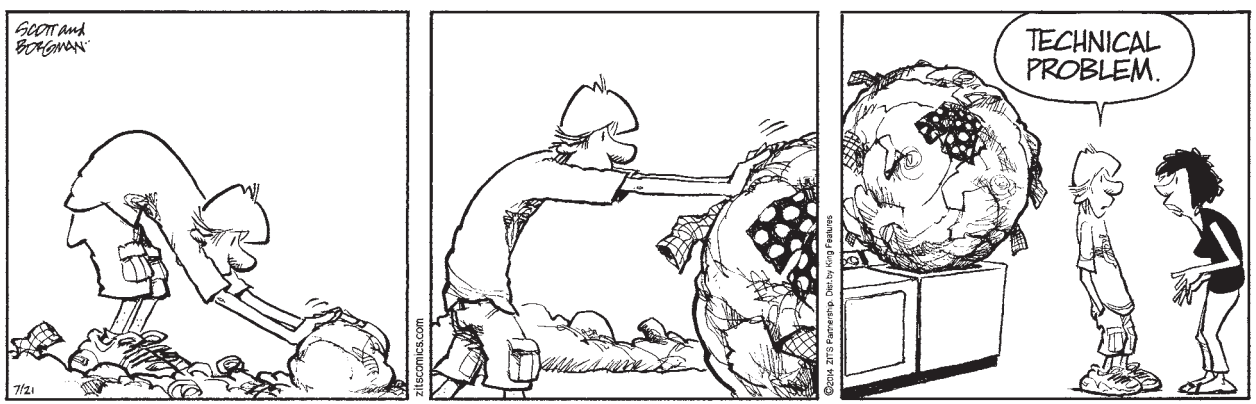
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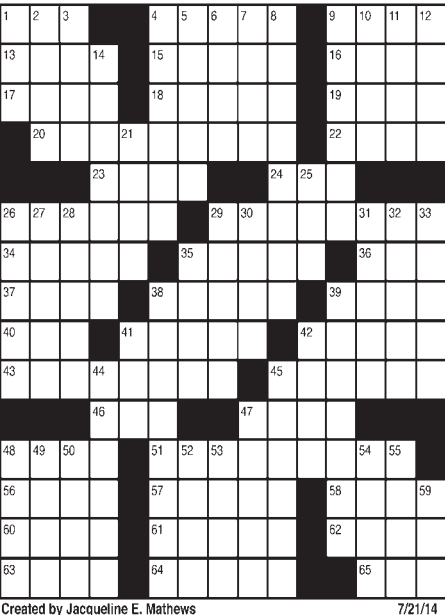
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

- 1 Skillet
- 4 Lively dance from Brazil
- 9 Awkward fellow
- 13 Kimono sashes
- 15 Otherwise known as
- 16 News, for short
- 17 ___ up; confined
- 18 Hairy features on lions
- 19 Perched upon
- 20 Eliminate a bad smell
- 22 Supervisor
- 23 Wander
- 24 Singer Tormé
- 26 Junior naval rank
- 29 British peer
- 34 Makes angry
- 35 Dirties
- 36 Tavern drink
- 37 Chopping tools
- 38 Legend
- 39 Store away
- 40 Observe
- 41 Puts on the payroll
- 42 Perfume
- 43 Engagement
- 45 ___ out; gets rid of gradually
- 46 Major network
- 47 Ron or Rand
- 48 Injection
- 51 Not based on facts
- 56 Heavy volume
- 57 Train tracks
- 58 Fair; balanced
- 60 Death notice, for short
- 61 Kovacs or Eis
- 62 Roy Rogers and ___ Evans
- 63 Cauldrons
- 64 Bishops' meeting
- 65 Make a lap



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Burst
- 2 In the sack
- 3 Three threes
- 4 Native of Pago Pago

- 39 Burned with a liquid
- 41 Center of activity
- 42 Have nothing to do with
- 44 Groups of eight
- 45 Hesitated
- 47 FDR's affliction
- 48 Halt
- 49 Transient
- 50 Leave out
- 52 ___ a one; none
- 53 Helsinki man
- 54 Gabor and Longoria
- 55 Sandwich shop
- 59 Hair ___

Gaza

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During a brief Red Cross-brokered lull later in the day, rescue workers toured the neighborhood to retrieve the dead, pulling bodies from the rubble of homes. In a last sweep of the area on Sunday afternoon, rescue workers heard the faint voice of a woman in the rubble of a house.

"I'm here with my husband and niece," the woman said, adding that there were also three bodies near her. "I'm here under the shop. God please, I can't breathe."

In the incident witnessed by Associated Press journalists, rescue workers tried to organize a bulldozer, but the situation was deemed too dangerous and the crew left. Later, the rescue workers returned with a bulldozer, after coordination with Israeli forces through the Red Crescent, and pulled the three from the rubble, said Said Hamam, a member of the rescue services. The 13 Israeli soldiers were killed in several separate incidents in Shijaiya, includ-

ing gun battles and rocket attacks. In the deadliest, Gaza fighters detonated a bomb near an armored personnel carrier, killing seven soldiers inside, the army said. In another incident, three soldiers were killed when they became trapped in a burning building, it said.

Despite the losses, the army chief, Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz, said Israel intends escalate the operation. Gaza residents received automated phone calls late Sunday, warning them to evacuate refugee camps in the center of the Gaza Strip.

Israel had launched the campaign to hurt Hamas' ability to fire rockets and to destroy tunnels dug by the militants to sneak into Israel to carry out attacks.

Shijaiyah was targeted as a Hamas stronghold and because 8 percent of more than 1,700 rockets fired at Israel since July 8 were launched from there, said Lerner. The military said that since the beginning of ground operation late last week, it has killed 110 Gaza fighters and targeted more than 1,000 sites linked to militants. □

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As numbers of gray seals rise, so do conflicts

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**

Associated Press

ROCKLAND, Maine (AP) -

Decades after gray seals were all but wiped out in New England waters, the population has rebounded so much that some frustrated residents are calling for a controlled hunt.

The once-thriving New England gray seal population was decimated by the mid-20th century because of hunting, with Massachusetts keeping a seal bounty on the books until the 1960s. But scientists say conservation efforts, an abundance of food and migration from Canada combined to revive the population.

Environmentalists cheer the resurgence, saying the gray seal boost is good for biodiversity and a boon for popular seal watch tours in coastal New England. But many fishermen say the seals interfere with fishing charters and steal catch. Beachgoers bemoan the 600-plus-pound seals taking over large stretches of shore, befouling beaches and attracting sharks, which feed on seals.

Some residents of Nantucket are so fed up over the huge seal population that now calls the affluent island home that they have suggested a controlled hunt, similar to the way states manage deer. Nantucket resident and recreational fisherman Peter Krogh, whose Seal Abatement Coalition has collected 2,000 signatures asking federal officials to amend laws that prevent dispersion of gray seals, said gray seals are a threat to fishing and tourism on the island.

Asked if he supports a seal



In this July 1, 2014 photo released by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, (IFAW) gray seals congregate on the shore in Chatham, Mass.

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cull, Krogh said "all options" should be on the table for managing the population.

"This is a real threat to the traditional way of life on this island," Krogh said.

Conservationists scoff at the idea of providing amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which protects seals. They say culling the herd would undo the results of the act, which allowed the species to recover in New England.

The seals' burgeoning population is a blessing for at least one industry.

Business is booming for Keith Lincoln, who operates a seal watch ferry to Monomoy Island off Cape

Cod. Seal sightings have skyrocketed from about 50 per trip in 1989 to about 2,000 per trip now, he said. The curious seals frequently come close to the boats, a thrill for gawking tourists, he said.

"Once the word spread out, the word spread quick," Lincoln said. "The cuteness of them is what draws everybody."

Some also believe the seals' negative impact on fishing is overstated.

Brian Sharp, the manager of marine mammal rescue for the Cape Cod-based International Fund for Animal Welfare, said gray seals feed mostly on fish species of little commercial value, like sand lance.

Others in the commercial fishing industry don't see seals as a threat. Lobstermen off Rockland, Maine, where gray seals are often spotted, say the seals and fishery coexist with little strife.

"Culls of gray seals have not been shown to increase fish populations.

It's not that simple," Sharp said.

"What we're seeing is a normal growth curve of seals repopulating an area."

The gray seals, also called horsehead seals, can grow to more than 10 feet long and inhabit both sides of the North Atlantic Ocean. They are sometimes found in the same areas as their smaller cousins, harbor seals.

Encounters with humans frequently don't end well for the seals, Sharp said. They sometimes become entangled in fishing gear, and six of them were illegally shot and killed on

the southern ridge of Cape Cod in 2011, he said.

For now, the seal population is flourishing, and its ability to sustain seal watch businesses off Massachusetts and Maine is evidence that it can have an economic benefit, said Gordon Waring, fishery research biologist at the Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

"Seals are just another large marine predator, and they are part of the diversity of the marine environment," he said. "And they are able to thrive and recover." □



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Come and Visit

Film, TV legend James Garner, reluctant hero, dies

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NEW YORK (AP) — Few actors could register disbelief, exasperation or annoyance with more comic subtlety.

James Garner had a way of widening his eyes while the corner of his mouth sagged ever so slightly. Maybe he would swallow once to further make his point.

This portrait of fleeting disquiet could be understood, and identified with, by every member of the audience. Never mind Garner was tall, brawny and, well, movie-star handsome. The persona he perfected was never less than manly, good with his fists and charming to the ladies, but his heroics were kept human-scale thanks to his gift for the comic turn. He remained one of the people. He burst on the scene with this disarming style in the 1950s TV Western "Maverick," which led to a stellar career in TV and films such as "The Rockford Files" and his Oscar-nominated "Murphy's Romance."

The 86-year-old Garner, who was found dead of natural causes at his Los Angeles home on Saturday, was adept at drama and action. But he was best known for his low-key, wisecracking style, especially on his hit TV series, "Maverick" and "The Rockford Files."

His quick-witted avoidance of conflict offered a refreshing new take on the American hero, contrasting with the blunt toughness of John Wayne and the laconic trigger-happiness of Clint Eastwood.

There's no better display of Garner's everyman majesty than the NBC series "The Rockford Files" (1974-80). He played a Los Angeles private eye and wrongly jailed ex-convict who seemed to rarely get paid, or even get thanks, for the cases he took, while helplessly getting drawn into trouble to help someone who was neither a client nor maybe even a friend. He lived in a trailer with an answering machine that, in the show's opening titles,

always took a message that had nothing to do with a paying job, but more often was a complaining call from a cranky creditor.

Through it all, Jim Rockford, however down on his luck, persevered hopefully. He wore the veneer of a cynic, but led with his heart. Putting all that on screen was Garner's magic.

Well into his 70s, the handsome Oklahoman remained active in both TV and film. In 2002, he was Sandra Bullock's father in the film "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood." The following year, he joined the cast of "8 Simple Rules ... For Dating My Teenage Daughter," playing the grandfather on the TV comedy — and helping ground it with his reassuring presence — after star John Ritter, who played the father, died during the show's second season.

He even scored in commercials. During the late 1970s, he was paired with actress Mariette Hartley in a popular series of ads for Polaroid cameras. Their on-screen banter felt so authentic that many viewers mistakenly believed they were husband and wife.

When Garner received the

people who said something nasty to his face — including an obnoxious fan and an abusive stepmother.

And when he suspected his studio of cheating him on residual payments — a not-unheard-of condition in Hollywood — Garner spoke out loudly and fought back with lawsuits.

They all deserved it, Garner declared in his book.

It was in 1957 when the ABC network, desperate to compete on ratings-rich Sunday night, scheduled "Maverick" against CBS's powerhouse "The Ed Sullivan Show" and NBC's "The Steve Allen Show." To everyone's surprise — except Garner's — "Maverick" soon outpolled them both.

At a time when the networks were awash with hard-eyed, traditional Western heroes, Bret Maverick provided a breath of fresh air. With his sardonic tone and his eagerness to talk his way out of a squabble rather than pull out his six-shooter, the con-artist Westerner seemed to scoff at the genre's values.

After a couple of years, Garner felt the series was losing its creative edge, and he found a legal loophole to escape his contract



James Garner holds the 41st annual life achievement award backstage at the 11th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in this Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005 file photo taken in Los Angeles.

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vak, "Boys Night Out," and then established his box-office appeal with the 1963 blockbuster war drama "The Great Escape" and two smash comedies with Doris Day — "The Thrill of It All" and "Move Over Darling."

Throughout his film career, Garner demonstrated his versatility in comedies ("The Art of Love," "A Man Could Get Killed," "Skin Game"), suspense ("36 Hours," "They Only Kill Their Masters," "Marlowe"), and Westerns ("Duel at Diablo," "Hour of the Gun," "Support Your Local Gunfighter").

In the 1966 racing film "Grand Prix," he starred as an American driver in the Formula One series. Garner, who loved auto racing, formed and owned the American International Racers auto racing team from 1967 through 1969, and drove the pace car at the Indianapolis 500 in 1975, 1977 and 1985.

In the 1980s and 1990s, when most stars his age were considered over the hill, Garner's career remained strong. He played a supporting role as a marshal in the 1994 "Maverick," a big-screen return to the

TV series with Mel Gibson in Garner's old title role. His only Oscar nomination came for the 1985 "Murphy's Romance," a comedy about a small-town love



Actor James Garner is shown in character as "Bret Maverick" on the set of his television show, in this April 13, 1982 file photo taken in Los Angeles, Calif.

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relationship in which he co-starred with Sally Field.

He starred in a musical, "Victor/Victoria" (1982), and a romantic drama, "The Notebook" (2004).

His favorite film, though, was the cynical 1964 war drama "The Americanization of Emily," which co-starred Julie Andrews. □



Veteran actor James Garner, seen in 2009 file photo taken in Los Angeles, stars as RJR Nabisco CEO F. Ross Johnson in the upcoming HBO film "Barbarians at the Gate".

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Screen Actors Guild's lifetime achievement award in 2005, he quipped, "I'm not at all sure how I got here." But in his 2011 memoir, "The Garner Files," he provided some amusing and enlightening clues, including his penchant for bluntly expressed opinions and a practice for decking

in 1960.

His first film after "Maverick" established him as a movie actor. It was "The Children's Hour," William Wyler's remake of Lillian Hellman's lesbian drama that co-starred Audrey Hepburn and Shirley MacLaine.

He followed in a successful comedy with Kim No-

Johnson calls Christie 'a buddy' despite video

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson says he considers New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie "a buddy" despite making Christie take down an online video that featured the Hollywood star.

"I know Gov. Christie. We've met a couple of times," the wrestler-turned-action star said in an interview Friday while promoting his new "Hercules" movie. "But in no way was I associated with what he had going on. . He had his team of people around him who kind of put that together. I saw it. I was like well, I don't have anything to do with it, so now you've got to pull it down."

Christie's office last week removed Johnson from a trailer that it posted to YouTube for a mock summer blockbuster titled "No Pain. No Gain," a riff on the title of Johnson's film "Pain & Gain."

The trailer features clips



Actor Dwayne Johnson arrives at the ESPY Awards at the Nokia Theatre on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, in Los Angeles.

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of Christie warning of an impending state budget crisis, along with dramatic music and sound effects. The clip is cut together with scenes of explosions and car chase.

Johnson, 42, spoke at the Republican National Convention in 2000 but says he's "more patriotic than I am political."□

Tom Hanks in Egypt to film

CAIRO (AP) — Hollywood star Tom Hanks has started shooting portions of his new film "A Hologram for the King" in Egypt's Red Sea resort city of Hurghada, the country's state news agency reported Saturday.

Hanks arrived Friday in Egypt and told the local independent daily newspaper Al-Masry Al-Youm that it was his first visit to the Red Sea, though he's read a lot about it. The newspaper said Hanks will be sleeping in a yacht in the Red Sea during the filming.

Egypt's state news agency MENA reported that Hanks will film scenes in diving areas off the coast.

The movie is directed by



In this Feb. 16, 2014 file photo, actor Tom Hanks poses for photographers on the red carpet at the EE British Academy Film Awards held at the Royal Opera House in London.

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German filmmaker Tom Tykwer and is based on a 2012 novel by Dave Eggers.□

Seeger tribute at Newport honors traditional folk



In this Aug. 2, 2009 file photo, Pete Seeger performs at the Newport Folk Festival in Newport, R.I. In a tribute to Seeger, the 2014 festival is launching a new program, "For Pete's Sake," to provide a platform for folk musicians who carry the spirit of Seeger's life and work. Seeger died in January 2014.

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PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP) —

There are few musicians as inextricably linked to the Newport Folk Festival as the late Pete Seeger.

Newport, known as the place where Bob Dylan cast aside his acoustic guitar and went electric in 1965, has made its mark on the festival scene more recently with an innovative mix of old and new — most with a far different sound than the folk movement Seeger helped lead. This year's top acts include Jack White, Jeff Tweedy and Mavis Staples.

In a hearkening back to its roots, and in tribute to Seeger, the festival is launching a new program this year to provide a platform for folk musicians who carry the spirit of Seeger's life and work. For Pete's Sake, organized by Chris Funk of The Decemberists, will feature workshops and performances by little-known acts with a variety of styles and instruments: hurdy-gurdy players, a Scottish fiddler, a legendary buck dancer accompanied by his banjo-playing grandson.

Those who knew Seeger say it's the tribute he would

have wanted, with a focus on the music, not on him.

A banjo player, singer and political activist, Seeger wrote his own songs but also revived and adapted traditional folk songs and verses and popularized them: songs like "If I Had a Hammer," "Turn! Turn! Turn!" "We Shall Overcome" and "Where Have all the Flowers Gone?"

The first festival happened in 1959, when Seeger was still blacklisted from commercial television after refusing to answer questions about his "associations, philosophy or religion" before a House Un-American Activities Committee hearing in 1955. He was later convicted of contempt of Congress, but it was ultimately overturned.

George Wein, who founded the Newport Jazz Festival in 1954, recalls visiting Seeger and his wife, Toshi, at their home in Beacon, New York, to talk about launching the folk festival. "Pete said, 'I'll do it if every artist gets the same money: \$50,'" Wein said. "Every artist agreed to work for \$50. Only Pete Seeger could have done that."

Seeger was deeply involved with the folk festival until he died in Janu-

ary at 94, often leading a traditional singalong that brought together many of the weekend's musicians to mark the festival's end. In his 90s, he even once climbed the rafters to watch The Decemberists. Jay Sweet, the folk festival's producer, said his last conversation with Seeger was about ideas to provide support for traditional folk acts. The Seeger foundation is helping provide funding for the program.

"He said, 'I want you to use everything you've built, this community, to shine the light on the artists who need it the most,'" Sweet said.

In typical Seeger fashion, he used the back of an envelope to jot down several ideas — bagpipe players, penny whistlers, buck dancers — then faxed it to Sweet.

"It was the only mandate that I've ever been given by Pete," Sweet said.

After Seeger's death, Sweet thought about planning a huge tribute to him at Newport, but Seeger's grandson, musician Tao Rodriguez-Seeger, talked him out of it.

Instead they came up with For Pete's Sake, and Sweet put Funk in charge. □

Addicted to Inflation



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The first step toward recovery is admitting that you have a problem. That goes for political movements as well as individuals. So I have some advice for so-called reform conservatives trying to rebuild the intellectual vitality of the right: You need to start by facing up to the fact that your movement is in the grip of some uncontrollable urges. In particular, it's addicted to inflation - not the thing itself, but the claim that runaway inflation is either happening or about to happen.

To see what I'm talking about, consider a scene that played out the other day on CNBC.

Rick Santelli, one of the network's stars, is best known for a rant against debt relief that arguably gave birth to the Tea Party. On this occasion, however, he was ranting about another of his favorite subjects, the allegedly inflationary policies of the Federal Reserve. And his colleague Steve Liesman had had enough. "It's impossible for you to have been more wrong," Liesman declared, and he went on to detail the wrong predictions: "The higher interest rates never came, the inability of the U.S. to sell bonds never happened, the dollar never crashed, Rick. There isn't a single one that's worked for you."

You could say the same thing about many people. I've had conversations with investors bemused by the failure of the dollar to crash and inflation to soar, because "all the experts" said that was going to happen. And that is indeed what you might have imagined if your notion of expertise was what you saw on CNBC, on The Wall Street Journal's editorial page, or in Forbes. And this has been going on for a long time - at least since early 2009. Yet despite being consistently wrong for more than five years, these "experts" never consider the possibility that there might be something amiss with their economic framework, let alone that Ben Bernanke, Janet Yellen or, for that matter, yours truly might have been right to dismiss their warnings.

At best, the inflation-is-coming crowd admits that it hasn't happened yet, but attributes the delay to unforeseeable circumstances. Thus, in recent congressional testimony, Lawrence Kudlow, also of CNBC, warned

about "excess money and a devalued dollar." However, "Miraculously, both actual and expected inflation indicators have stayed low." It's not something wrong with my model. It's a miracle!

At worst, inflationistas resort to conspiracy theories: Inflation is already high, but the government is covering it up. The sources purporting to document this cover-up were thoroughly debunked years ago; among other things, private indicators of inflation like the Billion Prices Index (derived from Internet prices) basically confirm the official numbers. Furthermore, inflation conspiracy theorists have faced well-deserved ridicule even from fellow conservatives. Yet the conspiracy theory keeps resurfacing. It has, predictably, been rolled out to defend Santelli.

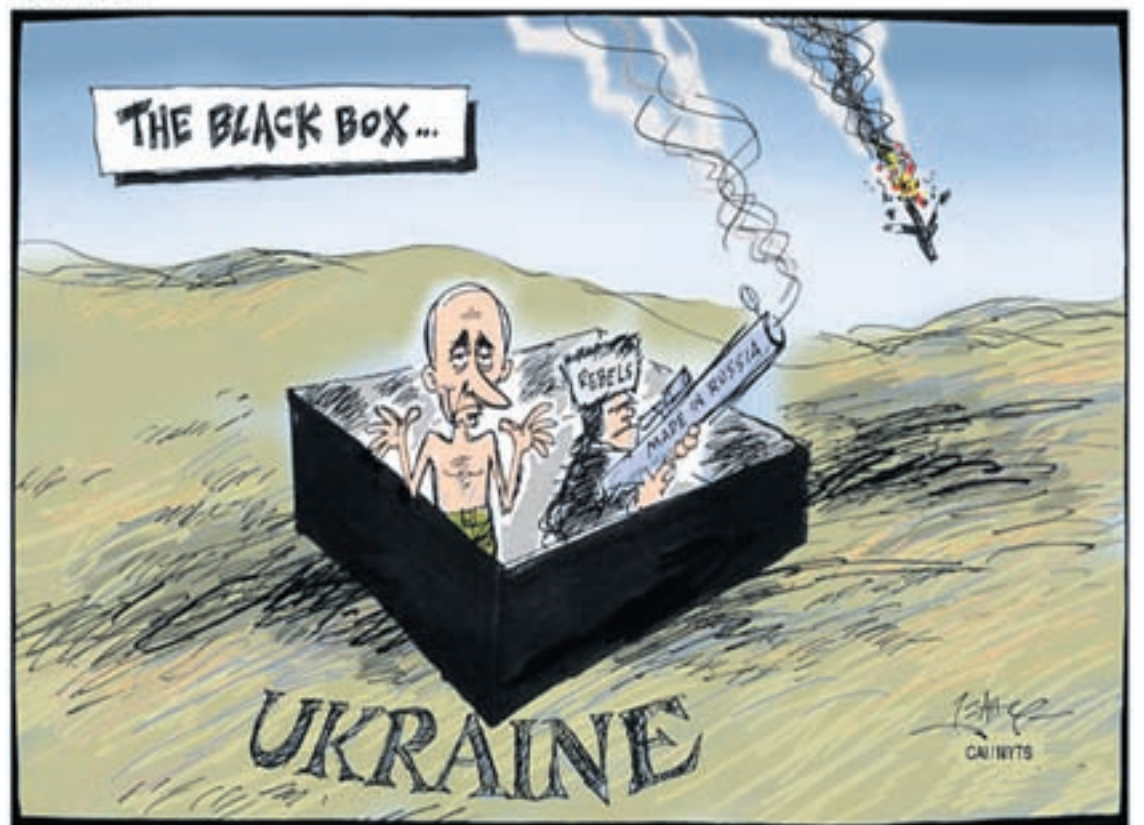
All of this is very frustrating to those reform conservatives. If you ask what new ideas they have to offer, they often mention "market monetarism," which translates under current circumstances to the notion that the Fed should be doing more, not less.

One member of the group, Josh Barro - who is now at The Times - has gone so far as to call market monetarism "the shining success of the conservative reform movement." But this idea has achieved no traction at all with the rest of American conservatism, which is still obsessed with the phantom menace of runaway inflation.

And the roots of inflation addiction run deep. Reformers like to minimize the influence of libertarian fantasies - fantasies that invariably involve the notion that inflationary disaster looms unless we return to gold - on today's conservative leaders. But to do that, you have to dismiss what these leaders have actually said. If, for example, people accuse Rep. Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, of believing that he's living in an Ayn Rand novel, that's because in 2009 he said that we are "living in an Ayn Rand novel."

More generally, modern American conservatism is deeply opposed to any form of government activism, and while monetary policy is sometimes treated as a technocratic affair, the truth is that printing dollars to fight a slump, or even to stabilize some broader definition of the money supply, is indeed an activist policy.

The point, then, is that inflation addiction is telling us something about the intellectual state of one side of our great national divide. The right's obsessive focus on a problem we don't have, its refusal to reconsider its premises despite overwhelming practical failure, tells you that we aren't actually having any kind of rational debate. And that, in turn, bodes ill not just for would-be reformers, but for the nation. □



Leading Through Great Loss



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In the carnage of Gaza and the Middle East, the most unlikely people have stepped forward from their grief to offer moral leadership.

The family of Naftali Fraenkel, a 16-year-old Jewish boy who was one of three kidnapped and murdered, said in a statement after the apparent revenge killing of a Palestinian boy: "There is no difference between Arab blood and Jewish blood. Murder is murder."

Likewise, the father of Muhammad Hussein Abu Khdeir, the Palestinian boy, said: "I am against kidnapping and killing. Whether Jew or Arab, who would accept that his son or daughter would be kidnapped and killed? I call on both sides to stop the bloodshed."

Thus those who have lost the most, who have the greatest reason for revenge, offer the greatest wisdom. Yet, instead, it is now hard-liners on each side who are driving events, in turn empowering hard-liners on the other side. Look, when militants in Gaza fire rockets at Israel, then Israel has a right to respond, but with some proportionality. More than 200 Gazans have been killed, three-quarters of them civilians, according to U.N. officials; one Israeli has been killed. In any case, Israel's long-term interest lies in de-escalating, not moving to the ground war it now threatens.

Remember that the trend had

been away from Gaza rocket strikes. Last year, according to the Israeli Foreign Ministry website, there were far fewer rocket strikes on Israel than in any year since Hamas took over Gaza in 2006. But then, since June, there were the kidnappings and killings, rockets and the kind of mutual escalation that arises when each side thinks that the other understands only violence.

When missiles are flying, hard-liners on each side are ascendant. They purport to be defenders of their people, but, in fact, they've repeatedly demonstrated myopia and taken actions that ultimately created vulnerability and weakness. After all, it was Israel itself that helped nurture Hamas and its predecessors in the 1970s and '80s. The late Eyad El-Sarraj, a prominent psychiatrist in Gaza, warned Israel's governor that he was "playing with fire" by nurturing religious militants. According to the book "Hamas," by Beverly Milton-Edwards and Stephen Farrell, the governor replied: "Don't worry, we know how to handle things. Our enemy today is the PLO."

Similar shortsightedness unfolded to the north. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 inadvertently helped lead to the rise of its enemy there, Hezbollah.

Likewise, it was Hamas extremism and violence after the 2005 Gaza withdrawal that undermined Israeli moderates and led to the rise of the hard-liners who today are bombing Gaza. Israel helped create Hamas, and Hamas helped created today's Israel.

The only way out in the long run is a two-state peace agreement. It's true that one is not achievable now, but the aim should be to take steps that make a peace deal possible in 10 years or 20 years.

Israel could learn a lesson from Britain and Spain, both of which managed to defeat terrorist challenges that were once seen as insoluble. The analogy is imperfect,

for rockets weren't falling on London or Madrid. But Spain could have sent troops to quash Basque terrorists, and Britain could have bulldozed the offices of the IRA's political wing in Belfast.

Instead, Spain gave autonomy to the Basque Country and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher negotiated an agreement in 1985 that was criticized at the time for rewarding terrorists. This was painful and controversial, and it was by no means an instant success. Thatcher said in her memoir that the results were "disappointing." Eventually, this approach proved transformative.

Today, in Middle Eastern terms, the analog would be a minimalist response, not a maximalist one. It would be a halt to settlements, cooperation to bolster Mahmoud Abbas and other moderate Palestinians, and an easing of the economic chokehold on Gaza to strengthen businesses there as a check on Hamas.

None of this is easy or certain. Secretary of State John Kerry's admirable but failed peace initiative suggests that mutual distrust is so great that it may take years to lay the groundwork, so let's get started.

When the families of a murdered Palestinian and a murdered Jew each call for humanity toward the other, it's easy to dismiss the plea as naïve, inconsistent with harsh realities on the ground. But what we've actually seen for decades is that aggression on one side boomerangs and leads to aggression on the other.

In contrast, what has worked - albeit not very well and not very quickly, and in different circumstances - is the Spanish and British approaches of tough-minded conciliation and restraint to change the political landscape. That's the approach that empowers not the hawks, but rather the Fraenkels and the Abu Khdeirs, so that an impossible peace eventually becomes possible. □

Reclaiming Our (Real) Lives From Social Media

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One day in the early 1920s, a young Ernest Hemingway rushed along the streets of Paris seeking shelter from a downpour. He soon came upon a warm cafe on the Place St.-Michel and ducked inside.

After hanging his rain jacket, Hemingway ordered a café au lait, pulled out a notepad and pencil from his pocket and began writing. Before long he had fallen into a trancelike state, oblivious to his surroundings as he penned a story that would later become the first chapter of his memoir, "A Moveable Feast."

If Hemingway were alive in 2014, he might not have finished what he started writing that day. Realistically, he probably wouldn't have even put a pen to paper.

Instead, he might have ducked into the cafe, pulled out his smartphone and proceeded to waste an entire afternoon on social media. Perhaps he would update his Facebook to discuss the rogue weather, snap a picture of his café au lait to post on Instagram and then lose the rest of the afternoon to Twitter.

I know I've done that - let's be honest, we all have.

Although my early adventures on social sites were exciting and novel, increasingly, my time spent on these services is starting to feel like a lot of wasted time. Like a virus slowly invading its victim, social media has methodically started to consume every hour of my day. Morning coffees, lunch-time breaks, time before bed, was once cordoned off for books, or even just quiet moments of reflection.

Now, it's all social media all the time. At the end of the day, what do I have to show for it? Am I more enriched as a human being after a couple of hours spent on Facebook? More fulfilled from Pinterest? A deeper person from Instagram?

Maybe, but probably not.

"If you went through history and took away all the stuff people were doing while they were supposed to be doing something else, you wouldn't have a lot left," said John Perry, a philosophy professor at Stanford and author of the book "The Art of Procrastination: A Guide to Effective Dawdling." "But time spent poking around in a library in the past led to great ideas. It's unclear if the same is true for time spent online."

I'm not blaming the Internet for

procrastination. Wasting time is as old as history itself. (An early reference to procrastination was chronicled in a rabbinical book from the year 200, where students were told not to put off their studies.) Yet I am blaming the Internet

collectively spent on Facebook in a single day. And that's just one website. Numerous reports estimate that 18- to 34-year-olds spend as much as 3.8 hours a day on social media. These days 35- to 49-year-olds don't fare much bet-

Most alarmingly, some of these companies have also learned they can push and pull levers to affect our mood.

Last month Facebook came under heavy fire after news surfaced that its data scientists had manipulated the news feed for 689,003 users, removing all of the positive posts or all of the negative posts to see if they could affect how people feel.

"When positive expressions were reduced, people produced fewer positive posts and more negative posts; when negative expressions were reduced, the opposite pattern occurred," wrote Adam Kramer, a data scientist at Facebook researching emotion expression, in the research paper about the experiment.

Kramer added that Facebook found it could cause "massive-scale contagion via social networks." Although this was an experiment, and even if Facebook isn't regularly manipulating the news feed, you don't need to be a Facebook researcher to realize that its news feed changes how we feel. For a while people have been trying to push back against online distractions. Some install software like SelfControl or Cold Turkey on their computer that will block access to certain sites, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This month, a Dutch non-profit put forth an initiative called "99 Days of Freedom," which urges people to abstain from Facebook for three months to see if their mood improves as a result. But for many people, it's not that easy to just quit for three months. Social media is entwined in daily life, and abandoning Facebook and Twitter would be like trying to quit driving in protest of oil companies, or giving up electricity as a way of objecting to Con Edison's environmental policies.

For me, I'm making a change - albeit a small one. Last month I decided to try my own Facebook experiment. Rather than wake up in the morning and get lost on social media for an hour or more, I've started spending the early hours of my mornings reading a book.

The experiment seems to be working. So far, I feel so much more fulfilled and that my days belong to me again. I've given up chasing dangling digital carrots.

I'm reading two to three books a week. This week I started "A Moveable Feast." And even if I spend the rest of my day on social media, I still feel as if I've done something enriching. □



For many, time spent on social media increasingly feels like time wasted.
(James C. Best Jr./The New York Times)

for sucking people into a cacophony of links, videos and pictures that are constantly being dangled in their faces like some sort of demented digital carrot on a stick. Links that seem like fun at the time, but afterward leave us all feeling a little bit empty inside.

According to Facebook, the company's 1.23 billion users log into the site for an average of 17 minutes each day. In total, that's more than 39,757 years of our time

ter, racking up three hours a day on social sites.

Neil Fiore, a psychologist and author of four books on productivity, said that while procrastination can be a good thing, helping stave off anxiety about an impending project, today we tend to procrastinate in online labyrinths that are difficult to climb out of. This, he noted, is partly because websites are trying to grab our attention and entice us to stay longer.